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£350,000 profit goes to charity

Simon to sell £2.3 million **BP** shares

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD SIMON of Highbury bowed to political pressure yesterday and announced that he was selking his £2.3 million BP shareholding and giving to charity the £350,000 profit it had accrued since he became a

Lord Simon said that publication earlier that day of the oil company's second-quarter results meant he would no longer be breaking insidertrading laws if he sold the 270,000 shares.

The move by the minister, who gave up a £240,000 salary as chairman of BP to work unpaid for the Government, was part of a damage-limitation exercise by Labour ahead of Friday's celebrations to mark Tony Blair's first 100 days in office. The Tories accused the Government of a

breathtaking U-turn". Only 24 hours earlier the Government had maintained that because of insider dealing rules Lord Simon, Minister for Trade and competitiveness in Europe, would not reviewhis shareholding New Year.

The shares rose 39.5p yesterday on the back of secondquarter figures, showing higher-man-expected profits, which added a further E105,000 to the value of Lord Simon's holding. The shares have soared 18 per cent since May 7 when his appointment

was annormeed The £400,000 shares held for Lord Simon by BP in a Jersey offshore trust, which company rules dictated could not be released until May



Simon: minister before he joined Labour party

1998, will also be sold after he. secured special dispensation from the directors.

As the Tories claimed vindication for their campaign, Lord Simon became embroiled in further embarrassment. It emerged yesterday that he joined the Labour party only after he was apd to the Government. Lord Simon, a close neighbour of Mr Blair in Islangion prior to the election, had not joined the 1,500-strong Islington

South and Finsbury branch. During his first press conference on the controversy, which has dogged the Government for the past month. Lord Simon said he had decided to sell the shares after the BP board confirmed that he was no longer in possession of any insider information in relation

to the company. Lord Simon, who was flanked by Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio responsible for policy presentation, said: "I have acted in accordance with the letter and

spirit of the rules throughout this affair. I have acted with complete propriety. At no stage has anyone alleged that I have even had the opportunity to take decisions in my capacity as a minister which could in

any way affect my shares." He added: "I deeply regret the innuendos put forward by the Opposition in this affair and hope they do not discourage other business people seeking a position in public

Asked whether he now regretted leaving the commercial world, in which he was regarded as one of Britain's plied: "I have no regrets. It's

an interesting learning curve."

Lord Simon denied that he had been forced to back down because of pressure from the Tories over a potential conflict of interest. He also rejected the suggestion that he had been ordered by the Prime Minister to sell the shares, and surrender the £350,000 profit to

"This is a totally personal decision," he said. "As far as I'm concerned I certainly oken to him flon Blair! " He added that he had never considered resignation because there had never been a conflict of interest.

Lord Simon declined to reveal which charities would

While he was speaking. Lord Simon's car was given a £35 parking ticket while it was illegally parked in Millbank. Continued on page 2, col o

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Dr George Carey in Sydney: "merely restating" Church's well known position

Remarriage by Prince 'would cause crisis' says Carey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND ALAN HAMILTON

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said yesterday that the Prince of Wales would plunge the Church of England into crisis if he remarried.

Dr Carey's comments, at a news conference in Australia to mark the 150th anniversary of the Anglican Church in Australia, took English bishops by surprise and prompted warnings that the Church could face disestablishment over the issue.

The Archbishop's comments come as the Prince has been taking steps publicly to acknowledge his relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, including hosting a fiftieth birthday party for her at Highgrove last month. Dr Carey said that the Prince had no wish to remarry and the fact that he is divorced is not an issue. But Dr Carey said: "It is true that remarriage would create a crisis for the Church.

The Prince of Wales would become Supreme Governor of the Church of England on succession to the throne and, at present, the Church's laws prohibit the marriage of a divorced person in church where the former spouse is

The Ven George Austin. Archdeacon of York, said: The Archbishop is right: it would cause a crisis in the Church if the Prince of Wales remarried." He said the Archbishop should speak out about the Prince's relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles, which he

has never done. The Church cannot go along with remarriage, but neither can it go along with a mistress," he added. "What the Church seems to be doing publicly is pretending Mrs Parker Bowles does not exist." He said that if the Prince remarried, it would create

pressure for disestablishment. I am in favour of disestablishment, but I hope it does not

come for that reason. The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries. said: "The Archbishop was not referring to any new crisis; he was simply referring to the Church's marriage discipline, where under normal circumstances people are not able to get married in church for a second time if a former partner is still living. It certainly would not be a constitutional

The Prince of Wales has the overwhelming backing of the country's "top people" who believe he should be able to marry whoever he likes. A poli of 100 prominent people said it should make no differ ence if a king was married to a divorcee..... Page 2

crisis and would not lead to disestablishment.

Lord Blake, the Conservative peer and constitutional historian, predicted that if the Prince did marry Mrs Parker

Church would not be a cock his path to the throne. I do not believe it would create a major difficulty. I think public opinion would accept it and th what matters," he said.

He added that he found it surprising that the Archbishop had chosen to make his comments in Australia rather than in England.

Church sources said that the Archbishop had simply been repeating the well known stance of the Church on the question of divorcees remarrying in church.

However, one senior source said: "This intervention is rather untimely. Many people Continued on page 2, col 3

Outside smokers to be banned

A decree to be signed by President Clinton will ban smokers from lighting up at the entrances to federal buildings, a practice that has grown with the increase of nosmoking offices. In London companies are trying to stop smoking near offices. Page 3

£13m customer

A single Courts customer in America cost NafWest EI3 million. The bank declined to comment further on the private bank's loss but it was not believed to be the Duchess of

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Thousands hit by university logjam

By David Charter, Education correspondent

MORE than 50,000 qualified applicants are forecast to be denied a university place this summer, as thousands of late entrants join the scramble for the last free higher education

Many of the 26,000 people who planned to take a gap year after A-levels are expected to seek a university place in October to avoid losing up to £6,000 under government plans to charge students' tu-tion fees and scrap grants. University admissions tu-

tors are also braced for a late rush of applications from people who left school over the last decade with strong A-level grades. They will threaten to squeeze out this summer's Alevel students who missed the target grades for their firstchoice university, but would usually find an alternative in

the cleaning process. University admissions officers are predicting this year's clearing process — which matches students with unfilled university places - will be the most hectic ever.

Diana Milner-Walker, admissions officer at Kingston University, said: "I am already getting calls from students who deferred their places until 1998 wanting to come this year instead. People. are panicking. Department for Education officials are said to be "in panic mode" in spite of assurances from David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, that clearing will not be any more hectic than in previ-

ous years.
The Government announced last month that means-tested fees of £1,000 each year would be charged from 1998, and the mainte-

Schools are also bracing themselves. Richard Russell, director of studies at Sevenoaks School, Kent, said: "I am dreading what it is going to be like because there

is not going to be much flexibility. Pressure for places

in 1997 is clearly going to be stiffer than ever About half of the 32,000 Alevel students who had the required grades but chose not go on to higher education last year are believed to be in the hunt for places this summer, as well as thousands from previous years.

The Universities and Col-leges Admissions Service (UCAS) is running a series of urgent investigations to gauge the potential impact on clear-ing. Around 295,000 places are available and are being chased by 350,000 candidates. Tony Higgins, its chief executive, warned students not to rush into unsuitable courses for the sake of avoiding fees. "Clearing always seems traught, but it works."



taking a year off

Cricket catches idea from baseball

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLISH cricket will embrace ideas from football and American sport in an attempt to revitalise flagging standards and a lack of success at international level, if a revolutionary overhanl of the game is approved next month.

The plans were put before the first-class county clubs at Lord's yesterday. Under them the county championship, which has remained largely unchanged since it was first formally organised 107 years ago, would be divided next year into three conferences" of six teams, with end-of-season play-offs

as happens in baseball. In the following year there would be an FA Cupstyle knockout one-day competition involving 60 teams
— counties and national sides from, for example, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark and Holland

There would also be a one-day National League. with promotion and relegation between two divisions and scope to play matches — under floodlights if desired on any day of the week, as does the Premiership.

The proposals were unveiled by Lord Maclaurin of Knebworth, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, and met with a generally favourable response from the county executives, who will vote on them in six weeks' time.

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Plane carrying 257 crashes in jungle

By Bronwen Maddox and Giles Whittell

A KOREAN AIR Boeing 747 jet with 257 people on board crashed and burst into flames in jungle five miles from the airport in Guam last night. Unconfirmed reports said there were 29 survivors.

The plane had reported engine difficulties shortly before the crash which happened in rainy weather, Andrew Murphy of the Guam Airport Authority said. There was an extensive fire after the aircraft

hit the ground. Flight 801 from Seoul. South Korea, to Guam had been cleared to land when contact was lost. The aircraft - a Boeing 747-300, delivered in 1984 - was three miles from Agana International Airport, said Tom Rea, the US Federal Aviation Administration's Pacific representative in Honolulu, It was early Wednesday. Guam time.

Frank Matane of Guam Police said that 29 people apparently survived. He said the plane went down "in rough terrain, up in the hills". Wreckage had been spotted strewn in the rugged jungle

There were immediate questions about whether the rain contributed to the crash. A large US Navy helicopter was ferrying survivors from



the crash site and a second helicopter was joining the rescue, said Lieutenant Thorn-

as Robinson of the US Coast Guard. Dr Michael Cruz of Guam Memorial Hospital said teams were standing by to

receive any survivors. Despite the presence of the hilly terrain on which flight 80) went down. Agana airport, on Guam's central west coast, is not considered difficult for landing even large jets, an airport spokesman said

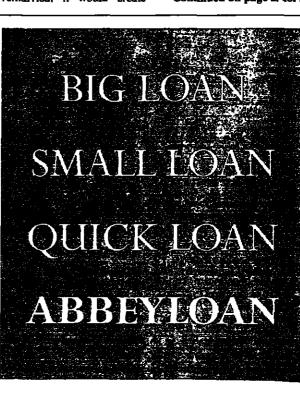
vesterday. Korean Airlines (the original name of the airline) suffered one of the world's worst airline incidents in September 1 1983 when the Soviet Union shot down one of its 747 jets with 269 people aboard.

Guam, an American Pacific protectorate 3,700 miles southwest of Hawaii, and its airports have been a vital part of the American military presence in the western Pacific since before the Second World War and are now a popular destination among for tourists from the Far East.

With the end of the Cold War, tourism has emerged as the island's main industry, with increasing air traffic to it from Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

There are at least two landings a day by 747 jets from Seoul Agana airport, an airport spokesman said yesterday.

With volcanoes on Guam's southern half but a level plateau to the north, this westernmost American possession was used as a springboard for the Allied counteroffensive against the Japanese in 1944 and for B52 bombing raids on Viemam.



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Princess to meet landmine victims in Bosnia

DIANA. Princess Wales, will meet landmine victims in the town of Travnik during her forthcoming visit to Bosnia, the American charity organising the trip

The Princess, who is expected to travel to Sarajevo in a privately-chartered plane tomorrow, will also visit Zenica. The trip is being organised by the Landmine Survivors Network, which helps amputees all over the world. It was founded two years ago by Ken Rutherford and Jerry White, both landmine victims.

"We have linked up with a local group of disabled people who we want the Princess to meet," said a spokesman for the charity. There is no question of the Princess being in any danger." He said that the charity was delighted to have won her support.

Security for the Princess will be intense. Officials at the Foreign Office Diso were consulted Se Rethe her plans, were adamant that she should not be taken to Bania Luka or Doboi wheh are in Serl territory. There is Serb hostility to Britain after the SAS were involved in killing an alleged Serb war criminal who opened fire on them as they arrived to arrest him in Prijedor. Another alleged war criminai was heid

The visit also comes at a sensitive time in relations between Britain and Bosnia's three-man presidencv based in Sarajevo. This week Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, cut off all contact with Mugdim Pasic, the Bosnian charge d'affaires in London.

The Foreign Office said that the Princess's security was paramount. Last night a spokesman said: "Although this is a private visit, we welcome the Prin-cess of Wales's involvement in the landmines issue. She has helped to highlight the suffering caused by anti-personnel landmines, and given impetus to international efworldwide ban, to which the UK is fully committed.

"We are happy for the Princess to visit Bosnia-Herzegovina, subject to security considerations. We have undertaken a security assessment. Our advice at this stage to the Princess of Wales's office is to go ahead. But we are keeping the security situation under close review."

'Top people' say Charles should be free to wed

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Prince of Wales has the overwhelming backing of the country's "opinion formers", who believe he should be able to marry whoever he likes. They also believe it should make no difference if he were married to a divorcee and became king, and that he should still become Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

A survey for The Times from Opinion Leader Research. which polled a panel of 100 influential figures - including two Cabinet Ministers. MPs, peers, permanent secretaries, leading personalities in business and the City, newspaper editors and directors of various think-tanks — was extremely supportive of the Prince and his relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles.

The remarks of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, in Australia yesterday appeared to have little impact on the views of leading opinion formers. Dr Carey warned the Prince he would plunge the Church of

THE Foreign Office security

investigation into Chris Pat-

ten, the former Governor of

Hong Kong, will recommend that no action is taken. Senior

Whitehall sources said last

night that the inquiry, which

was ordered by Sir John Coles,

the Permanent Secretary.

would not propose prose-

The disclosure comes only

24 hours after the Govern-

ment maintained that it had

fied documents to Jonathan

Dimbleby, the broadcaster

and author. Mr Dimbleby. who is alleged to have used the Church 'crisis' over Prince

Continued from page I have views on the Prince of Wales and the future of the monarchy, but now is not the right time to start debating

According to Lord St John of Fawsley, the constitional expert, it is "premature" to raise the issue. He said that public acceptance that the Prince of Wales might remarry one day is growing, and the Church's stance on the issue need not be immutable. He

Bowles. More than eight out of 10 - 82 per cent - of those questioned said he should not rive up his right to the throne if he were to remarry and 83 per cent said he should remarry whoever he liked.

Only 25 per cent disagreed with the proposition that a future British monarch could marry a divorcee and remain Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Half believed he could marry a divorcee, become king, and remain Supreme Governor of the Church of England,

Foreign Office rules out

legal action over Patten

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

Governor, has also not been

knew about an investigation

was when they were contacted on Saturday by The Sunday Times. A friend of Mr

Dimbleby said last night: "He

has emphatically not had an

approach from the Foreign

Office or any agency of the

senior colleagues for a whis-

pering campaign. The Panen

story came at the end of a week in which the Labour Party had

The Tories seized on the

The first that the two men

approached.

Government."

material in his book The Last failed, as expected, to win the

constitutional issue if the Prince decided to remarry because his succession to the throne derives from the Act of Settlement and not from his

Dr Carey's comments, although delivered in an unguarded moment during a news conference, are the strongest he has made on the subject and certainly represent his true views on the

while 25 per cent have no view at all on the matter. This was the highest number of abstentions on any of the questions on the Prince and showed they really had no special concern

Those questioned were unclear about the future status of any future wife. There has been some talk that if the Prince were to remarry he should have a morganatic arrangement where his new wife would not assume the title Queen and would live outside the public eye. This

nounced by constitutional ex-Yet in the survey, while 59 per cent said they did not think

a future wife should automatically become Queen, 63 per cent said they would like a new wife to have an official public role. The Prince's friends were "delighted" with the findings last night al-though the Prince has made no indication of any intention of marrying Mrs Parker Bowles. Senior members of the Privy Council are also now convinced that there is no real objection to the Prince remarrying Mrs Parker Bowles if he

The reticence at the time of the separation and divorce with the John Major insisting that the Prince should make clear he had no intention of remarrying -- was understood to have been to protect the Princess, Prince William and Prince Harry.

It was feared that a decision by the Prince to remany in haste might have provoked a dramatic reaction from the Princess. One senior White

Share sale

Last week Mr Blair told the Commons during exchanges with William Hague, the Tory leader, that the campaign was

"vile and scurrilous". John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, who led the campaign, said last night that it had been justified by Lord Simon's

announcement. "This is an incredible Uturn. Until now we had been told the earliest date was January 1998. By agreeing to sell his shares in BP the minister and the Government have acknowledged that we

were right," he said. The Tories will now turn up the heat on Margaret Beckett. January I.

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Labour activists say no to **Paisley** outsider

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR activists in Paisley South have voiced fears that the party leadership will impose an outside candidate to fight the by-election made. necessary by the suicide of Gordon McMaster.

Despite having a long history of in-fighting, the safe Labour seat is seen as prize catch and will attract a list of strong applicants. But activists are concerned that they will be forced to accept someone with no local connection. Labour's by-election defeat in Uxbridge last week was blamed on the decision to replace the general election candidate, David Williams, a local man, with Andrew Slaughter.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is known to favour his former aide. Douglas Alexander, a 29-year-old solcitor who has twice fought Perth and Kinross for Labour.

One local party member said: "Douglas fought a good fight in Perth but he is a boy heing sent in to to do a man's job. He will be eaten alive in Paisley South. There are fears that Gordon Brown will use his influence to promote him." A spokesman for the Scot-

USN LADOUT PARTY SAIG TO selection procedure would be the one used in every by-election. "Candidates will apply and the National Executive Committee's by-election committee will draw up a shortlist to put to the local constituency party, which will make the final decision.".

But the Paisley South activist said: "It all depends whether it is Douglas Alexander and two no-hopers or Douglas Alexander and two strong contenders."

Mr Alexander's main rival for the seat is likely to be Pat McFadden, Tony Blair's special adviser on constitutional affairs. Senior Labour sources said that if he applied he would probably win the selec-

Other contenders are Jack McConnell, general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, Mr Alexander's sister Wendy, a special adviser to the Scottish Secretary, and Hugh Henry, leader of Renfrewshire

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hume may agree to stand for president

The race for Ireland's presidency may be over before it has started. Dublin's two biggest political parties have approached John Hume about standing, and the most popular politician on the island is leaning towards accepting. If Mr Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's nationalist Social Democratic and Labour party, does allow his name to go forward neither Fianna Fail nor Fine Gael would put up candidates against him, meaning the 60-year-old Catholic from Londonderry would almost certainly be elected unopposed. That would make him the Irish Republic's first northern president.

"I would be a super salesman for Ireland, trying to bring investment and jobs here," Mr Hume was quoted as saying in the same New York Times interview in which he said he was leaning towards accepting. Mr Hume's problem is that the presidency would prevent him playing a direct role in the full-scale peace negotiations beginning in Belfast on September 15 that he has done more than anyone to promote. However nationalists in Belfast yesterday did not regard that obstacle as insuperable. Mrs Robinson is resigning the presidency on September 12.

Cook praises 'noble' wife

Robin Cook issued a statement last night saying that he had behaved badly towards his wife, Margaret, whom he has left for his Commons secretary, Gaynor Regan. The Foreign Secretary said that Mrs Cook had behaved nobly, in contrast to his actions. On Monday Mrs Cook, a consultant haemotologist, said in a statement: "Whatever my husband's private life may have been, he has always been a very good Member of Parliament and is a very good Foreign Secretary." Mr Cook is understood to have wanted to "draw a civilised line" under the events of the previous two days by responding in kind to what he saw as a generous

Appeal to train drivers

South West Trains is offering its drivers £250 a day to cancel their summer holidays and solve staff shortages that threaten-cancellations on commuter services into Waterloo. station, London. The company is anxious to avoid a repeat of its winter problems, when 2,000 trains were cancelled made redundant. The 680 drivers could earn up to £4,000 if they work a marathon six-week session, taking only three days off - the equivalent of a 16 per cent pay rise. The company said the problem was a legacy from holidays booked under the British Rail rota system, which was scrapped in February.

Bank recruits 'children'

The banking union Bifu has condemned Midland Bank for recruiting the teenage children of staff to overcome a shortage of part-time workers in holiday periods. An internal Midland memo, a copy of which has been seen by The Times, calls on branch managers in the Newcastle area to "suggest that you consider recruiting the teenage children (age 16+) of your staff, who are still in education". The memo says that the teenagers could be paid £5.44 an hour and be trained as cashiers. A Midland spokesman said: "This has been going on for years and has proved to be very popular, with some young people moving on to join the bank full-

Mothers' Union barred

A vicar has closed his parish's branch of the Mothers' Union because the organisation's national magazine Home & Family published an article by the mother of a homosexual and refused his request for an article expressing "traditional" views. Elderly members at St Simon's, Southsea, weptwhen they were told the news. In the past the Rev Ted Pratt has also spoken against Church moves to welcome cohabitees, and attacked soap operas for lovering moral standards. Margaret Symonds, president of the Portsmouth diocesan Mothers' Union, said: "We have the feeling that there has been a lack of compassion here."

Peter Collingridge

A report, "Fireman's pole death" (yesterday), stated that Peter Collingridge, 70, was found dying after apparently trying to slide down a pole at Chester fire station. In fact, the circumstances of his death are unclear and an inquest will be

ordered the investigation disclosure as further evidence gramme, did not answer directly when asked if Mr Patten because of the seriousness of that the inquiry details had the President of the Board of the leak. It also emerged that had leaked secret documents been disclosed by aides of Trade, who in a series of more than a week after the Tony Blair to divert attention to him. "I have made it very written Commons answers. inquiry was set up, Mr Patten from Robin Cook's marriage clear that I had lots of converhad maintained that there was has not been contacted by the break-up and the investigation sations with Chris Patten, lots no possibility of the share-Foreign Office about the into the suicide note of a of conversations with other holding being reviewed until claims that he passed classi-Labour MP. which blamed people, and I had lots of

Uxbridge by-election.

A senior Tory said: "We

were told yesterday it was a

matter of utmost seriousness.

We are told the following day

it is such a grave issue neither

of the people at the centre of

the investigation has been

contacted. It was a deliberate

attempt to smear Chris Patten

to manipulate the news."

Mr Dimbleby, interviewed on Radio 4's Today pro-

ahead of England in securing funding for projects, according to figures

Commission. Wales has almost £35, towards the New Millennium Experi-

such money available and so fewer proposals have been forthcoming. Attempts to create a more even spread

announced in the autumn, are in doubt amid fears about the amount of cash left in the Commission's budget to fund them. It is locked in talks with the Department of Culture following the Government's decision to reduce its portion of the lottery money by setting up a sixth "good cause" of healthy lifetyles and extra school activities.

Ulster tops millennium spending chart

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terms with those people."

MORE than twice as much money is being spent per head of the population on celebrating the millennium in Northern Ireland than any region of

Wales and Scotland are also well

has been granted more than 546 per head of population by the Millennium and Scotland £30. The worst-off region is the East Midlands has less than £6 a head, while the South East has about 58 and London £16, although this did not take into account the £400 million

disparity has been the huge role played by European Union regional development funds in providing cash to match that from the Commission. More affluent regions do not have

of funding with the third and final

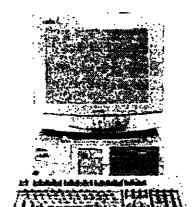
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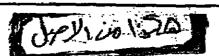
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Clinton bans federal workers from smoking on office doorsteps



NO SMOKING IN THIS ENTRANCE

IN WASHINGTON

NIPPING outside for a quick cigar-ette will no longer be feasible for American government workers under a decree to be signed by President Clinton.

It will ban people from lighting up around the entrances to federal buildings, a practice that has grown in reaction to the steady increase of

knots of smokers taking a break from work to sneak a few quick drags on the doorstep. Their presence is often Now that is to end under the

marked by a litter of cigarette ends. broadest smoking ban on federal property ever enforced. It will also extend to many places currently exempt, including clubs for military officers. Mr Clinton has been under pressure to sign the executive order from anti-smoking members of Conthrough entrances.

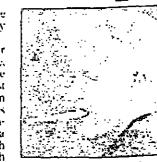
Just how far smokers will be banished from doorways was unclear, but 50% was mentioned in an early draft of the new policy "Moving 50ft would put me in the middle of the road, so I'll stand there and be hit by a car," grumbled Ken McMillon through a cloud of smoke outside the Veterans Administration

Equally open was Nikiesha Lucas. who works in a gift shop at the Justice new law wo see the recordusty en-forced. She said. They really have some rediculous laws. I have a very streagul job. I don't smoke but three

digarettes a day, and I need them." The probibition on author smoking was laneiled unfair by the Tohaco, Institute, the cigarette manafacturers, lobowing arm, its spokesman Thomas Lauria, said the ban was unjustified by any evidence of harm to non-smokers in the open air. and "if we start banning all behav-

passive inhalation on the way. Department where presumably the four that annoys one another we're going to be a strattracket society before you know it?.

Mr Clinton, an occasional cigarsmoker, was persuaded by his wife, Hillary, to ban all smoking in the White House when he was first elected, but he never cracked down on the patchwork of smoking rules among other branches of government. His new decree will set a standard no-smoking policy, with rare exceptions such as rooms with separate ventilation systems.



no-smoking offices. Most govern-ment buildings in Washington have ers should not have to experience City firms set the lead in banning open-air smokers

BRITISH companies which ban smoking in the office are preventing their employees from going out to the entrance steps for a cigarette, or even to the car park.

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Growing numbers of City institutions, hospitals and factories are banning smoking outside their premises, and some employees have been sacked for smoking on the doorstep. Tolerance is wearing particularly thin in the City of London, where merchant banks, insurance houses and trade exchanges say that it presents the wrong image to clients.

Assicurazioni Generali, the Italian insurance broker with offices in Fenchurch Street. London, displays a prominent sign in its doorway warning off the smokers. A spokesman for the firm said: "It's a case of obstruction. We have people coming in and out all day long. If the door is blocked up by smokers, it's a real problem. We have a no-smoking office. Employees are free to leave for a smoke as long as they don't do it right outside."

At Walsingham House, in Seething Street, which is owned by the Prudential, a sign warns employees: "Strictly no smoking on front entrance steps". The Stock Exchange, the London Metal Exchange (LME) and the futures exchange, Liffe, all provide small smoking areas for their traders and clerks, but encourage staff not to smoke outside the building. You don't want a bunch of grubby that smoking outside wastes traders hanging around out- times and makes employees side puffing away," said an hard to find in an emergency.

Employers are telling staff that

it is presenting a bad image,

reports Mark

Henderson LME spokesman. "It presents

entirely the wrong image."

LME employees, though, were taking little notice yesterday of the exchange's policy on smoking outside the Leadenhall Street buliding. One clerk said that she usually smoked in the smoking room but had been driven outside by broken air conditioning: "It's pretty disgusting in there when it is hot."

A colleague said: "I know it doesn't look good, but I've got to have a fag."
The merchant bank Klein-

wort Benson Investment Management allows smoking in the office only after 6pm, has no designated smoking room. and bans its staff from smoking near the building. Kevin John, a computer engineer, said: "Il you need a fag, everyone goes to a little alleyway behind the building. The bank hates the idea of clients having to fight their way through a bunch of smokers."

Some employers also say

Most hospitals have banned outdoor smoking for this rea-son. The Stobhill Hospital in Glasgow and the Carlisle NHS Trust reversed smoking bans within the hospitals, providing designated smoking rooms, because they found it impossible to find staff, patients and visitors who had left for a cigarette.

Several workers have been dismissed for smoking out-doors. Lee Shaw, a factory worker with Ashton Foods in Manchester, was sacked in May after he was caught smoking in a no-smoking car park. A carer at an old people's home in Newark, Nottinghamshire, lost her job last year when she was ac-cused of smoking outside when smoking was banned throughout the grounds.

The campaign group Action on Smoking and Health (Ash) believes that smokers' needs should be catered for in an office environment. "Smoking outside sends out the wrong image, but it should not be necessary if smokers had proper designated areas inside their offices."

Marjorie Nicholson, director of the smokers' rights group Forest, said that firms could not stop workers smoking on public streets. "I can understand that smokers clustered in a doorway can look bad, but until they give us an alternative there is little op-tion. It is unfair to stop smoking outside when they give us no facilities inside. There is usually a blanket ban or a pokey, smelly hole they call a smoking room."



Two smokers taking a quick break outside their offices in the City of London yesterday. Companies say the practice is bad for their image

Roadside fumes are as bad as cigarettes

PRESIDENT Clinton's ban on smoking on government property, even by staff outside their offices, is presumably motivated in the main by concern for their health and for that of passers-by. He may also feel that state employees standing around smoking

give a bad impression. It has been suggested that smokers should be 50ft from doorways before lighting up. However, research by Dr Jan Polniecki, of St George's Hos-pital Medical School, London, has suggested that up to 6,000 deaths a year from heart disease may be the result of



exposure to car exhausts, and that one in 50 heart attacks treated by London cardiologists is caused by car fumes. It would appear that if smokers are encouraged to smoke by the roadside, they may be getting a double dose of carbon monoxide: 90 per cent of the carbon monoxide in the urban atmosphere comes

from vehicles, and the highest concentrations are at the

Carbon monoxide so interferes with the efficient transport of oxygen around the hody that neither brain and heart may receive enough. Cigarette smoking increases the level of carbon monoxide in the blood so much that the

level can indicate how deeply Higher carbon monoxide leva smoker inhales.

Clinical experience supports the President's decision. Research among Dutch harhour pilots showed that even non-smokers with heart disease developed angina after sitting in smoke-filled huts. People with heart disease. although non-smokers, experience chest pain when sharing a car with heavy smokers. Office workers who smoke by the mad and whose corenary arteries are so narrowed

oxygen may develop angina.

courage the fitting of vehicle exhausts that reduce emissions of carbon monoxide. that the heart muscle is already suffering from lack of

bitual smoker.

Dr Thomas **STUTTAFORD**

els may cause headaches and

drowsiness among those who

taking a few minutes' relaxing

break from the computer

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The President should en-

However, the advantages of

had thought themselves fit.

Week in jail for puffing drunk

A DRUNK man who blew smoke into a woman's face when she asked him to put out his cigarette at a London Underground station was jailed for seven days for assault yesterday. Abdi Saeed, 43, also patted Sanra Book on the bottom with his umbrella when she turned to walk away from him.

You were drunk and smoking a cigarette on the platform of Earls Court station, and a member of the public properly pointed out that you were not allowed to smoke there," the stipendiary magistrate, Geoffrey Breen, told Saeed, a Somali immigrant, at Horseferry

Road Magistrates' Court. He went on: "As unhappily so often happens these days, instead of apologising and putting out your cigar-ette, you blew smoke into that lady's face and then, as she turned away to leave you, you struck her twice with your umbrella. Whilst I accept that no injury was caused, that lady must have

been very frightend and distressed by what you did."

Mr Breen added that Saced had been drunk and Miss Book had been on her own: "The offence is so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

Saeed, of Ealing, west London, who has not worked since coming to Britain with his wife and two children in 1993, admitted common assault on Miss Book, 25, who lives in West Kensington and works as a waitress. He also admitted breaking the London Underground smoking ban during the incident at about 5pm on August 3.

Saeed, whose wife left him shortly after they arrived in England, was said to be living on £70-a-week income support and sickness benefit. "He is separated from his wife and, indeed, therein lies the problem." said Patrick O'Callaghan, in mitigation, adding that Saced began drinking after the split.

Rice pudding a greater risk

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

justify smoking bans in the workplace, let alone outside

workplace, let alone outside the office door, is very weak. The action taken by Presi-dent Clinton is largely based on a report by the US Environmental Protection Agency that shows a 19 per cent increase in lung cancer among non-smokers exposed to other people's smoke. This increase, though it sounds impressive, is so small that, if it were caused by any other factor, it would be dismissed as insignificant.

Other studies have shown that eating certain foods, even rice pudding, poses a far greater risk of lung cancer than passive smoking, or have failed to find any increased risk and have not been published. Among those that have, some show an increased risk and some do not.

Epidemiologists express increased risk in terms of a "risk ratio". Any figure greater than one implies an increased risk. Lumping all the published data together, the Environmental Protection Agency came up with a risk ratio of 1.19. But such are the uncer-

SCIENTIFIC evidence used to tainties of this kind of science that risk ratios of less than two are regarded as insignificant.

A recent study carried out in Uruguay and published in the International Journal of Cancer found that people who consumed large amounts of dairy products, including rice pudding and milk, were more than four times as likely to

develop lung cancer.

Judy Buttriss, of the National Dairy Council, pointed out that other studies on breast cancer had shown a reduced, rather than increased, risk. "The difficulty of establishing after the event exactly what a person's diet was, and being sure that none was a smoker, makes studies like those unreliable."

Even if the results are right, the extra risk in real terms is small. The chances of a nonsmoker getting lung cancer are one in 10,000.

Non-smoking rice pudding eaters, if the study is right, run a risk of three in 10,000 - still a very small absolute risk. But it is far, far greater than the supposed risk run by passive

he knew nothing of the killing. In the witness box he said he

would never hurt an animal,

let alone a child, and detested

Donald Findlay, QC, said

that defending Reid was "an

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Life for alcoholic who killed boy

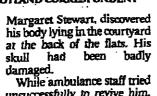
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AN ALCOHOLIC was jailed for life yesterday for beating a four-year-old boy to death with a hammer.

James Reid, 59, denied murdering James Ward, from the Castlemilk area of Glasgow, but was convicted at the High Court in the city after the jury heard that police had discovered a trail of blood to his flat. Despite evidence that the boy's blood was found on his specta-cles and trousers. Reid denied all knowledge of the attack and blamed his two dogs for smearing the blood on him when they brushed up against

The court heard that James disappeared while he was being looked after by his great-grandmother. Grace Boyle, 62, at her home in Castlemilk on February II this

Mrs Boyle and her sister. the flat and Reid had made a ingevidence against him, Reid



unsuccessfully to revive him, police who arrived on the scene followed a trail of blood over the garden wall across Reid's lawn and on to his back doorstep. Reid, who lived next door to Mrs Stewart, had been unemployed for 24 years. He had lived as a virtual recluse every since a conviction for breach of the peace and lewd conduct in the 1950s.

Inside the flat the police had to use torches as there were no lightbulbs. They discovered Reid covered in blood watching television, the floor around him strewn with empty sherry bottles and lager cans.

There was blood throughout



death with hammer

in his bedroom cupboard.

half-hearted effort to clean it up. One of the boy's training shoes was found in a tea chest Witnesses said Reid had been staggering drunkenly in the street, drinking alcohol

just before James disap-

peared. Despite overwhelm-

question of why Reid, a man who lived quietly and bothered nobody, should commit such a murder would never be A detective who investigated the case said later: "There is absolutely no clue as to why he killed this little boy. It is

possible that the sheer horror

of the crime has either

blanked out his memory or

made him too horrified to admit what he did." After the trial James's father, James, and his mother. Amanda Stewart, called for the death penalty to be

brought back.

Diesel lorry fumes linked to cot deaths

COT deaths may be caused by pollution from traffic and industry. Scientists have found a strong link between "sudden infant death syndrome", which kills ten babies a week in Britain, and tiny particles in the air produced mainly by diesel exhaust

Yesterday, clean-air campaigners demanded urgent action by the Government to toughen standards on particulates, the flecks of invisible soot measuring under ten microns. The findings come

Invisible soot particles are suspected of deeply penetrating lungs and causing blood clots. Nick Nuttall reports

ronmental health officers,

two studies provide strong

evidence that air pollution

from lorries and buses may

cause ill health and even death

in infants and young children.

said: "Taken together, these

Current UK policies will not bring levels of this dangerous year are caused by air polluparticle pollution down to safe Malcolm Earnes of the Natlevels even by 2005. It is ional Society for Clean Air and essential that the review of the UK National Air Quality Environmental Protection, whose members include scien-Strategy results in urgent actists and local authority envi-

tion to tackle traffic pollution and protect public health." A spokeswoman for the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths in London described the findings as significant and urged more research. "Although we need to

examine the data more closely. this would seem to be an important finding in relation to infant death," she said.

"It supports previous research showing that pollution is linked with a wide range of infant respiratory problems and is in line with the strong research findings of a link between environmental tobacco smoke and cot death."

The findings have been made from a study of four million babies by researchers at the American Environmental Protection Agency in Washington and the National Centre for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland. The findings are published in the latest edition of Environmen-

tal Health Perspective. The scientists studied babies born between 1989 and 1991 in 86 cities and towns across America, including Chicago, Cleveland, St Louis, Las Vegas and Detroit. They matched sudden infant death syndrome

with levels of particles in the air in the areas where the babies, aged 27 days or older, were living. The team, led by Dr Tracy Woodruff of the Environmental Protection Agency, found that the death rate among babies born in areas of high soot or particle

than in low particle areas. The researchers adjusted their findings to reflect the social and economic backgrounds of the families, their

levels was 10 per cent higher

smoking habits and whether the infant had a low birth weight that might increase risk of premature death.

The researchers say: "While further examination is needed. the results ... suggest that continued attention must be paid to the nation's air quality to ensure optimal health of infants and children."

The way in which particles may cause death and ill health is being studied by experts. Last year Professor Anthony Seaton of Aberdeen University, a health quality adviser to the Government, suggested in The Lancet that fine soon particles penetrated deep into the lungs and triggered a reaction similar to an infection. Blood passing through the lungs thickens, causing

clots and blocks in the lungs and circulatory system. Professor Seaton said yes-terday that the theory was gaining credibility following research in Germany. Laboratory trials were underway on animals. "I think we are going to be proved right," he said.

Auntie finds a bit of fluff goes a very long way

THE BBC appears to have acted on a suggestion that serious programmes should have a "fluffy" element to popularise them.

Flagship shows such as Everyman and Omnibus will next month feature the likes of Vic Reeves. Bob Mortimer. Ulrika Jonsson and a host of Elvis Presley lookalikes as

Lumley: Bhutan visit

part of the corporation's apparent drive to entice a yourger audience

The Absolutely Fabulous actress Joanna Lumley will also star in a factual series about the kingdom of Bhutan, one of the most isolated countries in the world. Michael Palin, named recently by the BBC as one of a handful of presenters who can command large audiences for serious travel programmes, features in Full Circle, which follows him 50,000 miles through 18 Pacific Rim countries.

Last month, a leaked BBC report expressed concern that global issues were passing much of the viewing public by. It advocated that populist figures, namely Reeves and Mortimer, Chris Evans, Gaby Roslin and Jonsson, should considered as presenters for world programmes to draw in larger audiences.

It also listed Clive James, Clive Anderson, Sir David Attenborough and Palin as personalities who could attract people to programmes set in a foreign country.

BBCI's autumn schedule,



Michael Palin, seen as one of a handful of presenters able to draw large audiences for serious travel programmes, in Chile for Full Circle

Alan Yentob, director of television at the BBC, denied the programmes constituted a lowering of standards of serious programmes or that there was a wholesale drive to enlist

populist presenters. He said: "We are looking for a broad range of pro-Yesterday, at the launch of grammes across the board which add things to the

schedule, things that people want and what they watch. These popular figures can draw people sometimes to subjects which are less

in the arts programme Omnibus, the comedy duo Reeves and Mortimer are followed from their earliest days to their highly successful tele-

vision shows, Big Night Out and Shooting Stars. The programme features Jonathan Ross, Mark Lamarr, Jim Davidson and Terry Jones.

Elvis and the Presley tarians features in the religious documentary series. Everyman, and focuses on Elvis disciples who either refuse to believe he is dead or who worship him as the Son

of God. In the Joanna Lumley programme. Kingdom of the hunder Dragon, the actress is followed on an expedition through the Himalayas between India and Tibet, where temperatures regularly drop below freezing. Ms Lumley tells the camera: "My only

dressed is to take off my bral"

Earlier this week the veteran BBC foreign editor. John Simpson, somewhat jokingly advocated the use of glamor ous presenters on television. He said: "It's true. Viewers want bimboys and bimbettes. Who wants to see Martyn Lewis? I don't."

BBC stands by decision to screen **IRA** series

BY OUR MEDIA

THE BBC denied that it was being politically insensitive yesterday by screening a fourpart history of the IRA to coincide with the all-party peace talks in Northern

Provos: The IRA and Sinn Fein. to be screened next month, features interviews with declared killers and FBI surveillance film of terrorists trying to buy Stinger missiles in New York in the 1980s. Steve Hewlett, the editor of Panorama who is in charge of the project, said it was not designed to cause controversy around the talks, which begin on September 15. He said the programme would be pulled if circumstances rendered it "inappropriate".

The series, which traces the rise of the Provisional IRA and Sinn Fein from 1969 to the present, claims unprecedented access to the Provisionals. It is presented by Peter Taylor, a journalist who has covered the

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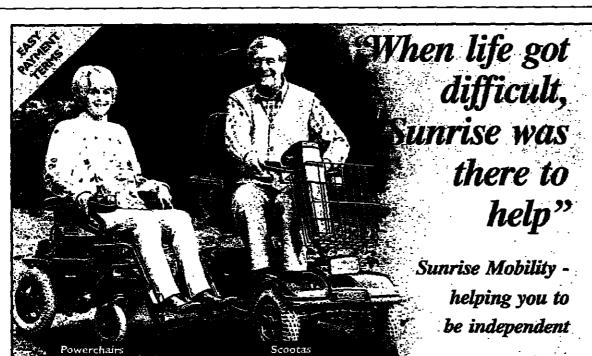
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conflict for more than 25 years.

Mr Hewlett insisted that no activé IRA members were interviewed for the film. He said: "We have not sought interviews with people currently active in the IRA but it is not an open organisation; people do not wear badges and there is a distant possibility that some were not telling the truth. But if we knew they were active, we wouldn't use



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Firms foil plan for red light zone

PLANS to set up Britain's first official red light district have been scrapped after

complaints from businesses.
Officials had wanted to establish a tolerance zone" in the commercial district of Shalesmoor in Sheffield in an effort to end years of complaints about the activities of the prostitutes and kerbarea. They had hoped the prostitutes would move in only after the office workers had finished for the day. But when details of the zone leaked last week scores of businesses and professional groups warned the city council that they would move out, taking thousands of jobs away from Sheffield.

Yesterday the Sheffield Forum on

crawlers in a neighbouring residential. Prostitution formally agreed to drop its area. They had hoped the prostitutes plan. The forum, whose members come would move in only after the office from the council, the police, health authority and other public services as well as representatives of the prostitutes, said:

"It is not an idea worth pursuing." Those who objected included the Crown Prosecution Service, the fashion designer Julia Gash and Midland Bank. the city's biggest employer.



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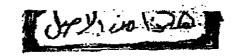
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The latest edition of Forel magazine contains the results of a survey of 1,000 men aged 25 to 45. Paul Hamblin, editor of the magazine, was delight ed with the results. "Golf has this reputation for being totally stupid and boring where women aren't even allowed to walk in front of the clubhouse indows," he said.

more opportunities to play

against women, according to a survey published today.

Only 9 per cent of respondents thought that women and golf

were incompatible.

There is still the idea that women play golf during the week because they are nice middle-class housewives with time on their hands, while men play at the weekend. This survey shows that male golfers believe golf is a social

thing for both sexes." Mr Hamblin, whose maga-



IN LARNACA

HUNDREDS of British troops were banned yesterday from the Cypriot resort of Ayia Napa after four soldiers appeared in court accused of beating up two tourists. The young British holiday-makers were attacked as they

left a disco with their girliriends in the early hours of Saturday, just a month after the Army had lifted a ban on troops visiting Ayia Napa. One of the men needed 22 stitches in his battered face. His friend has undergone a three-hour operation on a

broken jaw. Air Vice Marshal Peter Millar, the Commander British Forces, banned the whole of the 1st Battalion, the King's Regiment, to which the ac-cused soldiers belong. That means the bulk of the Army's 3,500 uniformed personnel and 430 Ministry of Defence



Barry Ford, who had 22 stitches in his face

8,900 in total - can cominue to visit the town.

Roger Bell, 26, Tim Carter,
20, Steven Wolstencroft, 26. and Steven Girvan. 20, were released on bail until tomorrow after the judge at the Larnaca count granted their Cypriot lawyer's request for a two-day adjournment to study

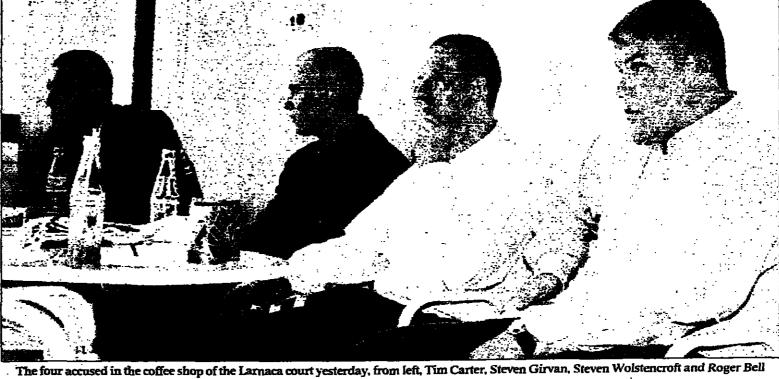
the case. The four soldiers,

during the brief hearing.

Wanching in court were Barry Ford, 23, and his girlfriend. Claire Harbour. 22. both from Lee in southeast London. Mr Ford's face was heavily bruised, with stitches to wounds above his ear and eyes, which were bloodshot and nearly closed. His right arm was in plaster. His ftiend, Shane Bell, 23, a car mechanic Eltham, southeast London, was still in hospital.

Mr Bell's mother, Claudette, said yesterday: "All I want is to have him home. Shane has got a fractured cheek bone and his jaw is wired up."

The four soldiers, stationed with their regiment at Dhekelia military base 20 miles from Ayia Napa, were charged with grievous bodily harm to the two men and actual bodily harm to Miss Harbour, who says that they badly bruised her wrist. If they are convicted and jailed



they will automatically be

dismissed from the Army. After yesterday's hearing Mr Ford, a quantity surveyor, said: "It's amazing -- soldiers are meant to be defenders of the realm, they are meant to protect us, not kick us

Miss Harbour, a nursery nurse, said that one of a group of eight soldiers had pinned her to the ground and made

her watch as Mr Ford and Mr Bell were punched and kicked unconscious. "I thought Barry was dead," she said.

The couple, who were on a two-week holiday, said that they would fly home today but were willing to return to give evidence. They did not expect Mr Bell to be well enough to return with them.

Ayia Napa is the resort where three Royal Green Jackets had been drinking the night they sexually assaulted and battered to death a Danish tour guide three years ago. Army commanders declared the resort out of bounds to all British forces and the United Nations peacekeeping force but as discipline improved the ban was gradually reduced to a curiew and lifted on July 1. The swift decision to impose

Regiment was seen as an attempt to prevent any backlash by the local community and to show that the Army is taking the incident seriously. Mervyn Wynne Jones, a spokesman for the British Bases in Cyprus, said the Army was making clear that iour would not be tolerated although most troops had a good relationship with the

community and a wider bar would not be considered. But Dr Marios Matsakis. parliamentarian and the former coroner who performed the post-mortem examination on the Danish tour guide, said the full ban should continue because British troops were "like animals" after a few drinks. "We're not learning from the past. There could easily be another murder.

Footballer fined £600 killed by for pub sex assault

By PAUL WILKINSON

THE former England footballer Carlton Palmer was convicted yesterday of sexually assaulting a woman in a crowded bar. Palmer, who blamed the strain of the case for the loss of his place in the Leeds United team and the club captaincy, was fined £600

with £338 costs. After the verdict at Leeds Magistrates' Court the player, who is reputed to earn £7,000 a week but is now on the transfer list, said he would appeal. David Loy, the stipen-diary magistrate, announced his decision after a week of

Palmer, 31, had denied indeold woman last January in the Square on the Lane bar in Leeds. The woman said he had touched her between the

Palmer is due back at the ame court next week accused of assaulting a policeman on the same night. Mr Loy added: "As a result, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the evidence heard in this case as it could have an effect on the forthcoming

hearing."
A Leeds United spokesman said: "The club has been informed by Carlton Palmer that he has lodged an appeal against the court judgment. In light of this fact the club will reserve judgment on any disci-



Palmer: lost captaincy and place in Leeds team

Toddler chest of drawers

BY A STARF REPORTER

A BOY aged two suffocated under a chest of drawers when it fell on him, an inquest was yesterday. Jonathan Lewington had been climbing the 3ft chest in a bedroom at his grandparents' home.

Jonathan was staying with Teresa and Gordon Lewington at Ewshot, near Fleet, Hampshire, while his parents, from Nottingham, were in Japan looking for accommo-dation. His father works for ICI and was being transferred

Lewington told the hearing that Jonathan had worken at 5am and had played with his two brothers — Adam, 10, an Alex, 7 - until breakfast. "Jonathan was playing up-stairs. Adam went upstairs to check on his younger brother and I heard him scream.

We went to Jonathan's room. He was lying on his back with his eyes closed. I couldn't see him breathing and his chest wasn't moving. "I could feel no pulse and started mouth-to-mouth esuscitation."

Her husband dialled the emergency services and Jonathan was taken by ambulance to Frimley Park Hospital, but died a day later after being transferred to St George's Hospital, Tooting. A post-mortem examination found that he had died from trau-

matic asphyxia.

WPC Michelle Smith told the inquest at Basingstoke that she had spoken to Adam immediately after the accident

on May 5.

The boy told of finding Jonathan underneath the chest of drawers "trapped by his head in the bottom drawer up to his neck and shoulders he started screaming and lifted the drawer. Jonathan's head fell out and he realised something was seriously

among a staff of seven, said

that many clubs remained

stuck in the past because of their attitude towards women

"I'm not saying we're going to batter down the citadels of

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Crushing defeat lies in wait for road-tax dodgers

THE ultimate warning for car-tax dodgers went on display yesterday. A white Ford Sierra was fed into a crushing machine to publicise the fate in store for some of the cars whose owners currently evade a total of £175 million.

A tough new scheme to enforce road tax begins in London this month and will spread across the whole of Britain within a year. Untaxed cars will be clamped in the street and offenders will face fines of up to £1,000, with the final sanction of the car being sold or crushed for scrap if the owner does not retrieve it withing five weeks.

Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, watched the demonstration in a south London police yard and said: Honest motorists are fed up vith carrying the bill for the hard core who continually evade paying their road tax. Law-abiding motorists have nothing to fear."

Peter Foster sees not rargeting motorists who

the launch of a national drive to

make the £175m

cheats feel small

a crushed vehicle will be used to raise awareness of the crackdown. Echoing the catchphrase of Clint Eastwood in Dirty Harry, it will carry

the slogan: "Do you feel lucky. Dodger? The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency yesterday tried to calm fears that lawabiding citizens might return from a fortnight abroad to find their family saloon compressed into a block of tangled metal 4ft square. Haydn Madoc, head of enforcement

for the agency, said: "We are

are a few days late buying a new disc. Our records show clearly who are the persistent offenders and, if there is any doubt about a vehicle, the decision to sell or scrap it will be delayed."

The new measures begin in London on August 18. Groups of privately contracted war-dens will patrol the streets looking for cars without valid tax discs. Using hand-held computers, they will be able to check with the agency's central database in Swansea before untaxed vehicles are clamped.

Drivers caught out by the scheme will initially be able to pay 568 to release their cars. and will be asked to produce a valid tax disc. Alternatively, car and motorcycle drivers can offer a 5100 bond which will be paid back if a valid disc is produced within two weeks.

Vehicles left unclaimed after 24 hours will be towed away

Going nowhere: the remains of the Ford Sierra that was used to demonstrate the ultimate deterrent yesterday

fee then increases to £135, plus £12-per-day storage. After five weeks, the bill will have totalled more than £600, and unclaimed vehicles will be crushed or sold at auction if commercially viable.

The scheme is an extension of a successful pilot operation run in five London boroughs in February 1996, which recovered £2 million in unpaid tax. More than half the 500 vehi-

cles clamped remained unclaimed and were sent to the crusher. The measures will be implemented nationwide, separately from local council parking controls, by the pri-vate firm Sureway Parking Services. The DVLA said that the company had signed a flatrate contract and would not be

working on commission. Profits will be paid centrally to the Treasury. The Department of Transport said that it was too early to predict how much money would be raised, but it was confident of recovering a sizeable proportion of the millions lost each year to tax

in last year's London pilot scheme, the Treasury recovered £6 for every £1 it invested in catching offenders. Any owners who believe they are being unfairly treated can

appeal through their local magistrates' court.
The campaign has the backing of the motoring organ-isations. An AA spokeswoman said: "People who fail to pay heir tax cost the Exchequer El75 million a year. These people are also less likely to have insurance, which puts: £10 on the cost of policies for law-abiding motorists and is a

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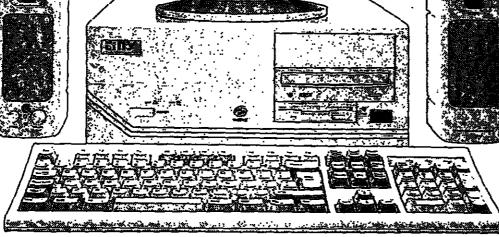
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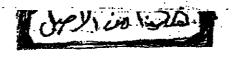
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Gas-cloud car runs without using fuel

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have invented a gas-powered car that does not burn fuel. The anti-pollution vehicle, which they have dubbed the smogmobile, turns compressed liquid nitrogen into an expanding gas. The resulting pressure turns an electric motor.

A prototype goes on view at San Diego, California, tomor-row. Abe Herzberg of Washington University, who is leading the project, said that as the atmosphere is 78 per cent nitrogen, even millions of smogmobiles on the roads would be virtually undetect-

able in environmental terms. "We believe a liquid nitrogen vehicle can match the performance and range of an

electric car," he said. The prototype does only a fifth of a mile to a gallon of liquid nitrogen. Professor Hertzberg is working on a more efficient system that will do up to three miles. With a 100-gallon tank, the car would do 250 miles between fill-ups. The professor says the tank would weigh less than the batteries used in electric cars.

Battery-powered cars in-volve emissions from the power stations where electricity is generated to recharge them. Lead-acid batteries also have a range of only 70-90 miles and threaten to increase heavymetal pollution from manufacture and disposal.

Newer nickel-metal hydrie and lithium-ion batteries offer better range and performance but are expensive and potentially dangerous, it is claimed. Professor Hertzberg, whose research is backed by the US Department of Energy, said: You would have to work very hard to hurt yourself with a liquid nitrogen vehicle. It is not combustible, toxic or corrosive. It is just cold."

Drink and drive limit may be cut to one pint

By POLLY NEWTON

A GOVERNMENT minister confirmed yesterday that the drink-driving limit could be cut by almost half to the equivalent of one pint of beer. Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, said that a reduction was "certainly an option".

She told the Radio 4 Today programme. What we have got to look at is the fact that in this country we have had a lot of success with drink-driving campaigns - but there is still a hard core of offenders who are way over the limit and causing a lot of death and

Lady Hayman said she was looking at a range of options to improve road safety. "Several other countries have recently reduced their blood alcohol limits. We are looking carefully at the results of that because we want to be sure and we would need to consult very carefully.

The current limit is 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millitres of blood — said to allow most people to drink about two pints. That could be reduced to 50 milligrams, or one pint, with the change possibly coming into effect before Christmas. . .

. Most publicans and restaurateurs are likely to oppose the move on the ground that it would discourage people from going out. They argue that many drivers will opt to drink at home instead.

Nor is the change support ed wholeheartedly by motor ing organisations. A spokesman for the RAC said it was not certain to cut accidents or reduce the incidence of drink

Last year, 780,000 drivers were asked to take breath tests. in England and Wales Just over one in eight - 13 per cent — were either over the limit or. refused to take it:

Climate change puts plant at risk

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE decline of one of Britain's tiniest plants is providing clues about the pace of climatic change.

iceland Purslane - think of the smallest plant you know and then divide by ten", said the Warwick University botanist Dr Barry Meatyani. - is now found in only two places in Britain, the Isle of Skye and the Ardmeanach

peniasula on Mull. Dr Meatyard, who has been monitoring the plant on Mull, has found that since 1994 it has declined rapidly, in one area by 80 per cent. The environment is pesticide free and remote from human influence, so the decline of the plant must be linked to changes in the weather or climate, he believes.

Iceland Pursiane is unusual among Arctic plants in being an annual, so that its abundance is determined by its success in germinating in the

Common in Iceland, Norway and other northern coun-

limit in Scotland but has probably survived there since the last glaciation more than

10,000 years ago.
The past few springs have been extremely dry on Mull.
Dr Mealyard said Whether that has anything to do with climate change, or was merely a temporary shift in weather patterns, would require long er study.

"It's too early to say that Iceland Purslane is doomed to extinction in Britain. But if this weather pattern persists it will soon become a question

of how long it can hang on." The plant lives in grave terraces, growing to a man-mum height of 4cm. The flowers are 2mm across, mak ing it, Dr Meatyard admined "a spectacularly insignificant

Its decline may not cany widespread alarm beauts few people have ever search growing in Britain The losland Purslane belongs to the same family as docks, and the

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Fever of construction brought travel to the masses and

wealth to the manufacturing towns. John Young reports

How railway age built up a head of steam

DURING the summer of 1895, two rival railways, the London & North Western and the Great Northern, staged nightly races from the capital to Aberdeen. On the journey of more than 500 miles, the competing trains averaged over 60mph, with overall victory going to the Great Northern's East Coast service. It had been a mere 65 years since the opening of the world's first passenger service between Liverpool and Manchester — two thirds of a century in which the stagecoach had been consigned to history and the canals long since outpaced as serious competitors.

Although the first trains were running some years before Victoria ascended the throne and traffic did not reach its peak until more than a generation after her death, the railways are inextricably linked with the Victorian age.

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They helped to create and serviced a social and industrial revolution, bringing travel to the masses, linking the new industrial towns and seaports, and stimulating unprecedented advances in

engineering and construc-tion. Looking today at the monumental achievements of those 19th-century engineers and architects bridges and viaducts, soaring trainsheds and glorious-ly extravagant hotels — it is strange to recall that the birth of rail travel was attended by fear, suspicion and at least as much hostility as nowadays greets plans for a new road or airport runway.

The opposition was led by vested interests — coach operators, canal owners and shipping companies — al-lied with landowners who resented the disruption of their rural idyll. Most owners refused to allow surveyors on to their properties. and ordered their tenants and estate workers to use force if necessary to eject trespassers. The young Robert Stephenson was among those who faced fusiliades of stones and gunshot.

Rural interests were over-



formed Parliament, notably in the

It was only a shortlived setback.

shape of the notorious rotten boroughs", whose representatives were bribable on a scale that puts today's sleaze scandals in perspective. Although the Stockton and Darlington railway, built primarily to carry coal from the Durham mines, opened in 1825 with relatively little opposition, in the same year the "antis" were able to muster enough support to defeat the first Liverpool and Manchester Bill.

A year later a revised Bill received



Brunel lamented a "fever" of rail projects

the Royal Assent. The first services between two of Britain's fastestgrowing cities were operating with-in five years and the railway age

had begun.

The opening was the signal for what Isambard Brunel, creator of the Great Western Railway, described as an unhealthy state of fever". Would-be entrepreneurs rushed in their hundreds to climb aboard the footplate. In 1845 The Times reported that 620 projects had been put forward, costing an estimated ESSO million; this at a time when the average labourer's

wage was less than 51 a week.
Only a handful of these schemes came to fruition. But by the end of the 1940s the national network had reached more than 4,500 miles: by 1870 it was more than 15,000; and at the time of Victoria's death it was about 22,000, only some 2,000 miles short of its peak at the start of the Second World War. They were still building at the

end of her reign. The Great Central line from London to Sheffield was pleted as the century turned.

but it was one of the few failures; it was too late and passed through too few important places on the way. But it did bequeath us one of the capital's great railway hotels at Marylebone.

The impact upon the na-tion's way of life was enormous. Until the railways came, most people had barely travelled outside their own villages. Excitement was mixed with trepidation. The new horizons appeared to be clouded with danger and discomfort.

Such fears were by no means unfounded. Hot ash and cinders emitted from the engine furnaces were an ever-present fire risk and steam boilers were liable to explode. Word-of-mouth advice to passengers was that they should seat themselves as far from the engine as possible and with their backs to it. On the Liverpool to Manchester, watchmen were positioned every mile or so to clear stones and deter vandals. The railway



companies had, moreover, proceeded on the assumption that their market would be confined largely to seasoned travellers, members of the new mercantile middle classes whose business took them around the country and abroad, and who would wish to be conveyed in

relative comfort. Those who demanded cheaper second and third-class accommodation had to make do with open trucks and hard wooden benches until 1844, when the Government legislated to protect them from the elements. Even in first class there was no heating or sanitation; for sustenance, passengers had to rely on picnic baskets or brief refreshment stops at stations.

Over the subsequent decades.

engineering advances combined with the pressures of competition to ensure improvements in speed. comfort and safety. A growing urban population became increasingly more mobile in its habits: people used trains not just from necessity but to go on holidays and excursions. Freight traffic, too, grew by leaps and bounds.

The golden age was by no means unalloyed. Balanced against the luxury of dining and sleeping cars on the great expresses were frequent incidents involving thieves, drunkards and even murderers. Delays and cancellations were commonplace, often followed by angry letters to this newspaper: another healthily surviving Victori-

portico can be seen from a small

viewing platform just outside Box

village. At the heart of the GWR

empire was Swindon, a refuelling

and maintenance depot which

expanded into a huge engineer-

ing works, at its peak employing

some 10.000 men. The works

finally closed in 1986, but the

handsome "village" of stone cot-

tages has been restored and a former Wesleyan chapel has been

converted into a delightful muse-

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crosses the Thames on the re-

markable Maidenhead viaduct.

Approaching London, the line

mensely graceful and beautiful, yet it contains not a single bolt or plate of decoration. Every last strand in its massive lattice is there for a purpose, the purpose being a beltand-braces structure that would

was perhaps the most potent.

bear the heaviest trains and with-stand the foulest gales. Completed in 1890 at the then astronomical cost of £3.5 million, it was a wonder of its age. The three great cantilevers and the approach viaducts together span more than 15 miles and climb to more than 360ft above high water.

Construction required some 55,000 tonnes of steel, 22,000 tonnes of cement and 107,000 cubic metres of stone and concrete. Repainting the 145 acres of steelwork employs 20 men working on the 100 or so days a year when

weather permits.

The bridging of the Forth and Tay rivers between Edinburgh and Dundee was the last great challenge the railway engineers faced. and the collapse of the Tay Bridge in a storm in December 1879 was their greatest setback. The disaster underlined the need for more



stands test of time

The bridge under construction

advanced technology, notably the use of reinforced steel. In February 1882 a contract was

placed with a consortium led by William Arrol of Glasgow, and John Fowler and Benjamin Baker were appointed engineers in charge of the project. Eight years of dangerous work, involving more than 50 fatalities, were rewarded when the Prince of Wales drove in the final rivet at a ceremony on March 4, 1890, Fowler was made a baronet, and Baker and Arrol received knighthoods.

The southern end of the bridge, a mile or so downstream from the modern road bridge, is happile situated close to the 10th-century Hawes Inn at Queensferry, which takes its name from the ferry service that operated for centuries before the bridge was built. It is an attractive little scaport, but in summer is choked with visitors.



TOMORROW

The world of Victorian crime: a serial killer whose headcount has rarely been equalled. and the incompetent debut of the CID

Westward to a wonder of the world

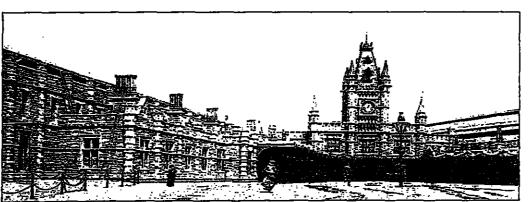
be said to typify Victorian enter-prise and determination, a leading candidate would surely be the Great Western Railway. In its heyday, it was a byword for luxurious travel; its first-class dining cars dispensed the compa-

ny's own brand of whisky.

Among its admirers is Sir Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum, who has suggested that the line between London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads should be declared a World Heritage Site. Most of the original structures are intact.

"It seems to me to have all the ingredients of a masterpiece," he says. "It combines a simple, direct route with the highest quality engineering. Apart from the loss of the original station at Swindon and the roof at Bath, it has retained almost all the elements of an early Victorian railway."

It was conceived and meticulously planned by one of the reatest engineering geniuses. Isambard Kingdom Brunel charicteristically wasted little time in fulfilling his vision. He completed his survey in three months in Brunel's Great Western Railway is an engineering masterpiece



Built on the right lines: Bristol Temple Meads station at the turn of the century

early 1833. Work began in 1835 eight years later. The Great Western network

was later to expand to Devon and Cornwall, Wales, the West Midlands and Birkenhead. Its original purpose, however, was to provide a fast link between Bristol and London. The great port of Bristol, from which merchant

venturers had voyaged to Asia, the Americas and the Indies, was under threat from newer competitors and the railway was seen as the key to reviving its fortunes. GWR directors established their boardroom not in London but at Temple Meads.

The original station at Temple Meads, completed in 1840, has been superseded by a larger

building near by, but remains intact with its original train shed. A new British Empire and Commonwealth Museum is due to open there next month.

The hilly western section of the line offered the biggest challenges, notably overcome by the construction of Box Tunnel. which took five years and which rises from the Avon valley into the

just south of the A4. A plaque observes that the twin brick spans, completed in 1838, are the longest and flattest in the world, each 128ft long and only 24ft high. For his London terminus, Brunel designed what Betjeman described as "a conservatory in a railway cutting", fronted by the first great railway hotel. foday's station concourse was originally the garden, whence on February

1901, the corpse of Queen Victoria was conveyed on its final journey to Windsor.

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Solvent abuse blamed for 7-year-old's death

A BOY aged seven is thought to be the youngest person in Britain to die from solvent

Christopher Patrick Smith was found unconscious in the cab of a pick-up truck with an opened tin of puncture repair cement lying near by. He died in hospital three hours later. A pathologist was last night anempting to diagnose precisely the cause of his death and samples have been sent for examination by toxi-

Christopher was found by his grandmother, who had spent three hours searching for him. He lived with his grandparents, Jack and Susan Smith, on a council caravan site for travelling families in York. He was one of six children.

Mrs Smith found him at 10pm on Saturday, slumped He was alone. She said: "I could just see him in the cab and was squealing at him to speak to me but there was no response." She contacted the boy's father, also Christopher, who lives in a seperate caravan, and he took his son by car to York District Hospital a mile away. Medical staff worked for three hours to save him but the boy failed to regain consciousness

Mrs Smith said: "It seems the fumes from the can got the better of the lad. We don't know where the solvent came from. It is suspected he had been sniffing but it could all be just a tragic accident. Frankly can't see him deliberately inhaling the stuff. We are all devastated by what has happened."

Detective Chief Inspector David Hunt, of York police, was yesterday trying to piece ments. "He was found in the truck cab. The can of liquid



Christopher, found in cab of pick-up truck

cement was on the ground outside but the screw-on cap was in the vehicle."

He said the strong-smelling liquid adhesive had a trichloro-ethylene base and melt like dry-cleaning fluid. Christopher's grandfather said: "I can't understand why he should sniff the stuff. unless he was experimenting.

The unexpected rise in

deaths from products that can

be obtained so easily has

shocked the Health Education

Authority, which yesterday

warned parents about the

dangers as the summer holi-

days get under way and

children are more likely to

drugs and solvents campaign

Geoff Webb, the authority's

experiment with substances.

cement lying around the site." Nancy Evans, director of Resolve, the only national organisation dedicated to the prevention of solvent and volaile substance abuse, said: "It is a tragic death and is the youngest yet recorded volatile substance-related death in the United Kingdom. "We are extremely sad-

dened by the news. We appeal to the new Government to look into creating a national strategy on VSA which is sadly lacking."

Latest figures from the Health Education Authority show that the number of deaths in England caused by solvent and aerosol abuse rose from 48 in 1994 to 56 in 1995. Geoff Webb, the HEA's drugs and solvents campaign manager, said: "It is vital young neonle find out as much as they can about solvents. The message is quite simple: they can and do kill instantly and

with solvents is quite simple they can and do kill instantly.

and at such a young age, with

huge impact on family and

friends. Trained counsellors at

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can talk through individual

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on solvent abuse to young people or parents."

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14-17. Signs for parents to look out for are a chemical smell on

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Viscount Cobham and Lisa Clayton at their wedding, held at Hagley Hall Viscount weds yachtswoman

VISCOUNT Cobham, whose ex-wife, Penelope, left him for the former Tory Cabinet minister David Mellor, has married the 'round-the-world yachtswoman Lisa Clayton, it

was disclosed yesterday. The quiet ceremony Friday was the first at Hagley Hall, the family seat near Birmingham, since it was granted a marriage licence. Only a handful of guests were parents. Ms Clayton, a 38year-old divorcee from Edgbaston in Birmingham, and Viscount Cobham, 54, are thought to be on honeymoon in Scotland.

In 1995 Ms Clayton completed a 31,000-mile solo voyage round the world in her yacht The Spirit of Bir-mingham. During the 286-day trip she battled with mountainous waves, galeforce winds and twice faced death when her boat capsized.

World Sailing Speed Record Council with all her written logs for ratification. No action taken and the record

Viscount Cobham, a landowner who lists cricket and shooting as his principal interests in Who's Who, was granted a divorce two years ago on the grounds of his 43year-old wife's adultery. She left him nearly three years ago

NEWS IN BRIEF Dentists' cuts raise fears over tooth decay

More than half of community dentists have had their buil-gets cut since 1994, according to a report today by the British Dental Association. It says that the cuts, made by health trusts striving to save money for general medical services, are jeopardising the oral health of those who depend on access to free treatment, such as the elderly, children and the mentally ill. One trust in three has closed community dental surgeries and nearly one in four is planning closures. The cuts are deepest in Northern Ireland, where tooth decay in children is worse than any where in Britain.

Doncaster move

An official has been suspended from a council that is being investigated by police. Graham Raynor, the assistant planning director, is the second senior officer to be sus-pended by Doncaster council.

Fatal river crash

A holidaymaker died after his head was crushed as his boat passed beneath a bridge. Edwin Dyke, 44, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, was with his family on a cruiser near Wolvercote, Oxfordshire.

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Dogs die in hoax

Christine Weeks, of Westfield. near Hastings, destroyed her two greyhounds after receiving a hoax complaint, alleged-ly from her council. It followed a genuine Rother council warning about the dogs' noise.

Mountain death

An Irish climber killed on Mont Blanc on Monday has been named by French police as William Rattray, 29. He and a French colleague, who is in a coma, had left the summit when they fell 1,200 ft.

The lost name

The owners of the Lost World Dinosaur Adventure Park, in Norfolk, are to change its name after the film director Steven

More die from glue-sniffing

Ian Murray on shop-bought substances that are deadlier than Ecstasy

sioned by

Department.

DEATHS among teenagers from glue-sniffing and other solvent abuse have increased for the first time in a decade. The latest annual figures compiled for the Health Department show that inhaling glue, gases and aerosols killed 56 people. mostly youngsters - eight more than in the previ-

About eight times more people are killed by solvents than by Eestasy but the deaths go largely unreported. Solvent substances, which can be bought over the counter, have killed 1,120 people since 1985. about half the number who have died from wellpublicised dangerous opiates such as heroin and metha-

The biggest increase in solvent deaths was in the Midlands, from 7 to 17 in the year. In the South, they rose from 19 to 26. But in the North West. Yorkshire and Humberside. where such incidents are usually high, they fell by half.

vears out of date. There is enormous difficulty in compiling accurate statistics for deaths by drug and solvent abuse because there is no centralised method of recording them or of differentiating suicides by overdose from those who die accidentally

after taking narcotics. The latest figures for solvent abuse go up only to the end of 1995. They are in a report from St George's Hospital Medical London, commis-

Rave party drug claim

ALMOST all the people who attend rave dances take drugs there, according to a survey published today (Richard Ford writes).

Of 520 people questioned at raves in the South East, 97 per cent had taken an illegal drug at some time and 87 per cent had taken one that evening.

popular. More than half those

questioned also said they had

More men than women take drugs at raves, with canhad sex with someone they charity Release, highlights the links between the dance scene and drugs by showing that rave-goers are up to three times more likely to have taken drugs than others of the same age. Most reported more positive than negative

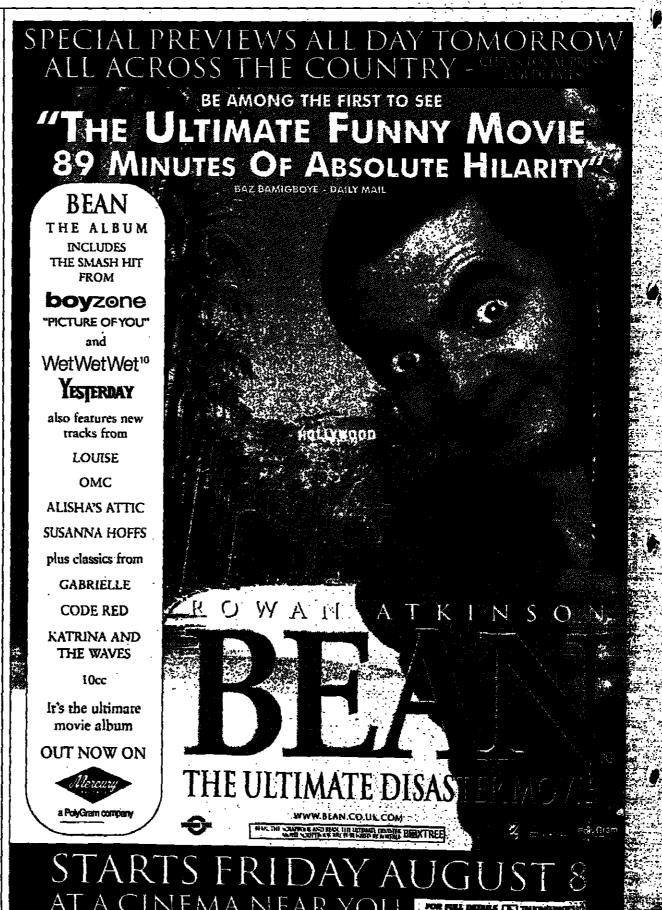
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the breath or clothing, the child appearing drunk and probably complaining of frequent headaches and sore In a report on drug abuse effects but depression, para-

last month the British Medical Association said that solvent inhalation was a high-risk activity". Some deaths occur from suffocation when plastic bags used to contain substance are sucked in and block the air passageways.

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US bomb trial told of 'plot to kill thousands'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE man accused of being the thousands, sending a message brains behind the bombing of the World Trade Centre in 1993, in which six people died, boasted that he wanted to "kill thousands" and let Americans know that "they were at war". the state prosecutor said vesterday.

Ramzi Yousef, also known as the "Engineer", faces life imprisonment if found guilty of conducting the attack four years ago. His trial, which opened at a US district court in Manhattan on Monday, is expected to last for several

In his opening statements yesterday. Lev Dassin, the assistant US attorney prose-cuting Mr Yousef, gave a disturbing account of how the accused had gloated about his alleged deeds. Mr Dassin said: "He bragged about the bombing. He said that he wanted to topple one twin tower of the World Trade Centre with another and kill

TWO militant Islamist groups

threatened yesterday to carry

out more suicide attacks inside

Israel as a series of high-level

revive the peace process.

diplomatic meetings sought to

President Mubarak of

Egypt said after talks in Cairo

with David Levy, Israel's For-

eign Minister, that he feared

the latest crisis, caused by last

week's suicide bombing in a

Jerusalem market which kil-

led 15, could lead to more

violence if it was not resolved

King Hussein of Jordan sent

a high-level delegation headed

by Crown Prince Hassan to

Israel yesterday with the in-

tention of saving the talks.

quickly.

Militants vow further

Israel suicide attacks

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

to Americans that they were at

The prosecutor told jurors that Mr Yousel and Eyad Ismoil, who is accused of driving the van bearing the bomb into the plate-glass sky-scraper's underground garage, were part of a "self-proclaimed army of terrorists" bent on bringing mayhem to

the streets of America. More than 1,000 people were injured in the bombing in February 1993.

Mr Dassin said, indicating in the direction of Mr Yousef: This man ordered and mixed the chemicals to make the bomb." The accused, an electrical engineer, is alleged to have confessed the details of his involvement to police after his arrest in Pakistan in 1995. Mr Yousel's lawyer asked jurors to keep an open mind

Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime

Minister, one week after the

explosions ripped apart an open-air market and halted

the peace process. The meet-

ing in Jerusalem is expected to

set the stage for a summit in

Amman, possibly next week,

between the King and Mr Net-

anyahu. The move was one of

a series of diplomatic initia-

tives to try to rescue the peace

In yesterday's talks in Cairo, Mr Mubarak attacked sanc-

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of them was likely to be influenced in the judgment by the subway plot. Most jurors. who are anonymous for reasons of security admitted to Judge Duffy that they had seen headlines, newspaper reports, and accounts of the incident on the radio and television. But all of them were able to reassure the judge that they would not prejudge Mr Yousef or Mr Ismoil as a result. This is the third trial related to the bombing, the first two having taken place in 1993 and 1994. So far, four people have been convicted of taking part in the explosion. Mr Yousef, however, was able to flee the country on the night of the bombing and was able

to elude trial. After his arrest in Islam-abad in 1995, he was convicted separately by a Manhattan federal court of a second conspiracy, involving a plot to blow up 12 American passenger airliners in Manila. That plot was not carried out.

Prosecutors at that trial portrayed him as an



Smoke and ash belch from the Soufrière Hills volcano which erupted again on Montserrat yesterday amid pleas to Britain for more help

Cook pledges aid to volcano island

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary. promised yesterday to secure the future of Montserrat in the West Indies, which is threatened by increasingly violent volcanic eruptions, as a delegation from the island lobbied the Government for help.

Bertrand Osborne, Chief Minister of Montserrat, took part in the talks as hundreds more islanders fled the previously safe centre of the island when new eruptions rained ash and

Before dawn yesterday, the Soufrière Hills volcano erupted again, causing hundreds to flee nearby villages while the island's abandoned capital continued to burn. The colony's government had ordered hundreds more people evacuated from villages in the westcentre of the island, including the sole remaining hotel, just hours before yesterday's eruption.

Mr Cook said he had discussed

options for Montserrat's future with the delegation of six ministers and businessmen. "The Government will

A Montserrat delegation was given assurances that the island's future is secure despite fears that it might be abandoned, write Glen Owen and David Adams

continue to place the highest priority on sustaining and improving the economic and social structure of Montserrat," he said, adding that Britain's intention was to secure a viable future

for the island. Clare Short. Secretary of State for International Development, who has allocated £41 million in emergency aid for the island, said that although residents are likely to be given the chance to leave, a full evacuation was unlikely. Some islanders have alleged that there was a "hidden agenda" to abandon the colony.

The new efforts will focus on housing schemes in a 15-square-mile zone in the North to relieve pressure on makeshift arrangements.

Montserrat, is one of Britain's six

island's main cultural identity has more to do with a blend of Irish and African origins. It was first visited by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and was colonised by Britain as a sanctuary for victims of religious persecution. In 1632 Irish indentured labourers whose Catholicism was rejected in the American

remaining Caribbean dependencies.

But despite the long association, the

introduced and by the late 1700s they outnumbered whites ten to one. The shamrock still adorns everything from passports to bars and brochures refer to "the other emerald isle". A popular folk dance, the "heel-

and toe," is attributed to Irish custom.

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wards the first African slaves were

said to be traditional trish stew.

From 1871 to 1956 Montserrat was tinked with the neighbouring Leeward Islands, but in 1960 a new constitution gave the island a partially elected government. Occasional talks have been held since the early 1980s to find ways of giving the 11.000 residents their independence. The island has had its share of

disasters. In 1465, a Pan Am jet rashed into the side of the volcano, killing 34 passengers. And in 1989, Hurricane Hugo ripped homes apart. Even after two years of volcanic eruptions, most islanders say they

want to stay on, and remain profound ly loval to the Crown.

James Reynolds, a local tailor, who returned to his native isle after a toyear military career spent largely in Scotland, echoes the widespread gratitude on the island for Britain's helping hand. As far as I'm concerned without Britain we'd be in a terrible state," he said.

Indonesia in Russian plane deal

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN JAKARTA

INDONESIA has decided to buy 12 Russian-made Sukhoi-30K jet fighters and eight Mi-17IV helicopters, a senior official said yesterday.

Earlier, it cancelled a deal to buy nine fighters from the United States, in a dispute over human rights.
Ginandjar Kartasasmita,
the National Development

Minister, announced the decision after two months of negotiations. The fighters cost \$34 million (£20 million) each. Russia will accept Indonesian palm oil, coffee and rubber as payment.

The minister said the deal with Russia was struck without any demands on nonrelated political issues, such as human rights.

Indonesia invaded East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, in 1975 and annexed it in 1976. The United Nations does not recognise its sovereignty there.

Last month Britain decided to honour an Indonesian order for 16 Hawk fighters, worth £160 million, despite new rules to curb arms deals with internally repressive or externally aggressive reg-

The Indonesian Government, meanwhile, has the state-owned Merpati Airlines to phase out its ageing Dutch-made Fokker F27 planes after one operated by a rival airline crashed, killing 30 people. The planes will be replaced by British Aerospace BAe-

High-riding Thailand takes an IMF tumble

By Andrew Drummond in bangkok and Our Foreign Staff

THAILAND'S place at the top of the world table for economic growth ended officially yesterday as the Government signalled its willingness to accept tough conditions for a £7-£9 billion loan from the Inter-

national Monetary Fund. Rumours of a coup - dismissed by the Army Commander-in-Chief - swept Bangkok as General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the Prime Minister, and his predecessor

were accused of bringing the country to its knees. One of the IMF conditions was a drastic shake-up of the finance sector. Tough measures introduced yesterday included suspending 42 finance firms to help ease the burden on a Government that has been compelled to lend hun-

dreds of billions of pounds to cash-strapped companies. Full details of the LMF package have yet to be disclosed, but they also include an immediate rise of 3 per cent in VAT, bringing it in line with countries in the region at 10

per cent. Just three years ago Thailand was riding high after enjoying a year-on-year growth rate of between 7 and

10 per cent for a decade. Critics say the Governments of General Chavalit and Nai Banharn Silpaarcha, his predecessor, have brought finan-

cial turmoil to the country. Anand Panyarachun, a former caretaker Prime Minister and the winner of the Magsaysay Award for government service — Asia's equiva-lent of the Nobel Peace Prize —

said: "I have never seen Thailand in such a serious crisis. This shows we cannot solve our own problems because there is no faith in the existing

system." In a financial free-for-all billions of pounds were handed out by banks and finance companies to influential politicians and businessmen, gambling on a booming property market which has since collapsed. Chaiyawat Wibul-swasdi. Governor of the central bank, told a news conference the suspended firms would stop lending and

for at least three months. The writing was on the wall last year when the bank baled out the Bangkok Bank of Commerce, which had collapsed under the burden of more than £1.5 billion in doubtful loans, some to MPs.

most other business dealings

General Chavalit said his six-party coalition was pre-



Chavalit: forced to

pared to slash up to 100 billion baht (£2 billion) from its 1997/1998 fiscal budget. He did not specify which government agencies would bear the

brunt of budget cuts. In May 1992 King Bhumipol Adulyadej stepped in after many demonstrators died in protests against the Thai military which had seized power.

The protesters accused Chavalit Choonhavan, the Prime Minister at the time, of corruption and "unusual wealth". Chavalit Choonhavan is an economic adviser to the present coalition Government of Thailand.

Mr Anand yesterday called for greater public participa-tion in government. I would like to see a more mature society, one that will find a solution to its own malady, without resorting to the monarchy," he said.

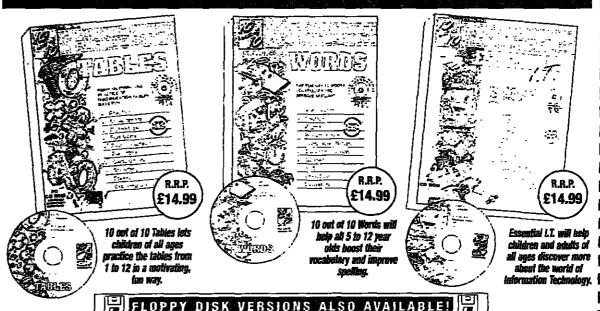
General Chavalit faces a noconfidence motion when parliament debates its new constitution charter.

Naval boost: Thailand's navy has taken delivery of an aircraft carrier, the first commissioned by a South-East Asian nation, a navy spokes-

man said yesterday. HTMS Chakri Naruebei. which was constructed in Spain, arrived on Monday at the southern island of Phuket. where Admiral Wichit Chamnankarn, the navy's commander, made an inspection. The carrier cost £170 million and will carry nine formerly Spanish-owned Matador AV-SS Harrier jets. (AFP)

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Boom makes Asia most expensive place to live

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

ASIA'S economic boom is turning it into the world's most expensive place to live. according to an international survey.

published yesterday. Eight out of ten of the world's most expensive cities are in the Far East, with Tokyo and Hong Kong leading the annual list compiled by a Geneva-based firm, Corporate Resources Group (CRG). One of China's booming industrial cities. Guangzhou, moved into the top ten for the

Only Moscow and St Petersburg upset the Asian domination, sharing high

housing costs. London shot up the rankings to 14th place, making it more expensive than Paris. Geneva and New York. Another Swiss myth, as the most costly place to live in in Western Europe, took a knock. as Geneva and Zurich dropped more than 20 places, thanks to relatively stable

housing costs. Most of the changes were attributed to the continued strength of the US dollar. CRG rates American cities as among the

In pure financial terms, Birmingham rivals cities such as Perth in Australia and Lisbon as one of the most attractive proposals outside the top 100. Johannesburg has a cost of living index which is less than half that of sixth-placed Singapore, but the survey pays little attention to

crime-prevention costs.

The list, compiled for governments and mainly American-based multinational firms, is based on a basket of 200 items. including food, clothing, household supplies, cars and leisure. Housing rents are normally out of the survey given to corporate customers.



Spielberg: continues to break film records

Cinema's Midas rakes in millions

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

ALIENS and dinosaurs have heaved Steven Spielberg onto yet another Hollywood pedestal. With his name attached to this summer's two biggest block-busters, The Lost World and Men In Black, his production company has become the first to score \$100 million hits five years in succession.

Despite taking a threeyear break from directing after his Oscar-winning Schindler's List in 1993, Spielberg has never stop-

Jurassic Park, released a few months before Schindler's List in 1993, took \$200 million (£123 million) in 14 days and more than \$850 million in all. The next year Spielberg's publicists said that he was "spending time with his family". In fact, he and his company, Amblin Entertainment, produced The Flintstones (1994) and Casper the Friendly Ghost (1995), both of which made more than \$100 million.

Last year he produced er. which made more than \$400 million. This year he produced and directed The Lost World, the sequel to Jurassic Park, and was executive producer for Men In Black, in which Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith play "supercops" protect the Earth from the scum of the universe". Both films have made more than \$200 million in America alone.

Demons of past still stalk South

Mississippi keeps imagery of slaves and the Civil War

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

STUDENTS returning later this month to the white pillars and magnolia trees of the University of Mississippi will find they have won their battle to preserve the image of "Ole Miss" as a fortress of the Old In the face of furious pro-

tests from alumni, the Chan-cellor has denied that his plans to update the college's image might mean scrapping the university mascot. Colonel Reb. a whiskered caricature of a plantation owner, which black students found offensive. The Confederate battle flag and anthem "Dixie" are also likely to remain a fixture at sporting events, despite their associations with the

Civil War and slavery.
Ole Miss's passion for its traditions is a

sign that the transformation of the bigoted, backward Old South into the prosperous, tolerant New South may be less profound than it is fashionable to claim. The current trend in nat-

ional politics and Supreme Court judgments is to throw power back from Washington to the states. But that assumes that the South will handle greater freedom in as much the same way the Northern states will. If that assumption is wrong, four decades of improvements in the South

With good reason, the rest of America saw the South for decades as the heart of darkness. excelling in poverty, racism and brutality. The 1962 enrolment of black student James Meredith at Ole Miss left two dead and 350 injured after he went in backed by 5,000 soldiers and federal marshals; two years later, the murder of three young Mississippi civil rights workers shocked the nation.

Last week Oxford, home to Ole Miss, paid an ambivalent

versary of the birth of William Faulkner, the Nobel prizewinner who wrote of the violence decaying Greek Revival portiserved that in the South "the past is not dead; it's not even

As Gavin Wright, an economist, points out in New South. Old South, the region fought to preserve its isolation even after the 1861-65 Civil War. European immigrants rather than Southerners filled many new industrial jobs in the North. It took the federal intervention of the New Deal in the 1930s and of the civil rights movement in the 1960s to puncture the shell.

In three decades the change has been huge, leaving nosial-

mourning the **6** Southerners loss of their grits and fried cattish are mourning culture. Income the loss of

head in the Unitheir grits and ted States' 14 southeastern fried catfish states, from Texas to Virginia, culture 🤊 was 80 per cent of the US average in 1970; now it is 90 per

> the centrist President Clinton and Al Gore, the Vice-President to the radical News Gingrich and the arch-conservative Jesse Helms. But the South still contains some of the poorest counties in America: in Mississippi. Ala-

dominate Washington, from

barna. Kentucky and West Virginia, nearly a fifth live below the poverty line, according to MDC, the North Carolina think-tank. In its violence, the region continues to outstrip any other. A recent book, Culture of Honour — the Psychology of

Violence in the South, blames this distinction on white, small-town, "redneck" communities. It argues that the South has a culture where "no response to the possible loss of honour is too extreme", and



James Meredith enrolling at the University of Mississippi in 1962. Two people died and 350 were injured in the riots sparked by his arrival. The South said the involvement of federal marshals was a military invasion

to agree that violence is acceptable in defence of home and family and as a mechanism for social control".

Above all, the South's weakness is the poor quality of its education system: a third fail

to finish high school and only a fifth have four years of college. In the past five years, the gap between the proportion of whites and blacks

MDC. So it is a particular worry that the decentralisation which will be one of the main legacies of the Clinton

Militant marcher fell out of step

clean-cut, crisply dressed Korean War veteran, James Meredith braved rioting whites to step through the doors of Ole Miss, backed by 5,000 soldiers and federal marshals. Mr Meredith's battle, which had the fervent support of President Kennedy. gripped the nation. as furious white Southerners called it a military invasion (Bronwen Maddox writes).

Four years later, a sniper's bullet wounded him during

across Tennessee and Mississippi, bringing civil rights heroes Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael to his bedside. But his eccentricity prevented him becoming a leader of the movement.

In 1989 he was hired as a domestic policy adviser by Jesse Helms, the arch-conservative North Carolina senator who has frequently fought civil rights laws. But he left abruptly two years later after sending out a statement on

cusing 60 per cent of the delegates to a national black convention of involvement in the drug culture. He lost more support by endorsing former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke's campaign for Gover-nor of Louisiana.

In, May the Charleston Post and Courier described Mr Meredith, who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. as "an anaemic-looking man with watery brown eyes and the stiff movements of a person in poor health". back to the states. Mr Clinton's motives appear to be as much financial pragmatism lifting the burden on federal budgets - as his conservativeleaning ideology.

However, the policy has so far been best tested in states like Wisconsin: wealthy, with good schools, and a tradition of humanity in tackling poverty and race. The South may have

changed, but it is a long way from Wisconsin. It will find it harder and more expensive to squeeze its poor into the workforce and to educate its population so that it attracts high-tech industries.

Southern politicians are largely responsible for giving power back to the states, but they have not matched free dom with federal money, in the end, the South may not

Spread of * rabies sounds alarm in **America**

BY BRONWEN MADDOX

RABIES is spreading throughout the eastern United States, posing a growing threat to health and safety, according to public officials.

Doctors in the affluent country towns of Virginia and Maryland have been startled to receive cases of people attacked and bitten by loxes which later tested positive for rabies. Dr Nancy Welch, who treated a woman last month for potential infection, said: We haven't had a rabid fox here in Chesapeake for at least

Four people were attacked last autumn by a rabid fox in the gardens of the Woodlawn Plantation at Mount Vernon, near the heavily visited residence of George Washington. Health officials have described the "very mobile virus". as potentially "a major prob-lem for the US". Dr Suzanne Jenkins, assistant state epidemiologist for Virginia, told the Washington Times. The whole East Coast has a racoon-rabies outbreak."

Racoons and foxes are blamed for spreading the dis-ease, which has traditionally had a stronghold only in the rural, heavily wooded southeast. There have been recent reports of rabid racoons in Ohio, a state which had only

ten rabid animal cases in 1995. Rabies, carried in saliva, attacks the brain and nervous system. If a person infected with the rables virus is not treated immediately with re-peated injections of vaccine, convulsions, aversion to water and death will follow. However, doctors want to spread the message that the injections, once notoriously agonising, are now less painful, and people should not shun the treatment if bitten by an animal acting suspiciously.

Fewer than two people on average die each year from rabies in the entire United States. But the number having rabies vaccinations after ani-16,000 in 1981 to more than 39,000 today. The risk is growing because rapid economic growth is pushing communities further into

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US threatens Bosnia sanctions over stalling on peace accord

THE United States has suspended contacts with Bosnia's Ambassador to Washington and threatened new sanctions unless rapid steps are taken to meet the Dayton peace accords and hand over war criminals

Holbrooke and Robert Gelbard, arrived in the region with a strong message that further stalling of the Dayton plan to rebuild a single, unified state could trigger economic sanctions.

The envoys plan to present President Milosevic of Yugoslavia with a list of punishments if he fails to play his promised part in Bosnian reconstruction, particularly using his influence to hand over Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader indicted on war crimes charges in The Hague.

The United States is also furious that Mr Milosevic has allowed Ratko Mladic, the former Bosnian Serb commander who is high on the war crimes suspects list, to

travel through the region unhindered. This summer, Mr Mladic attended his son's wedding at a Belgrade hotel and went on holiday to a seaside village in

The three-day mission comes as concern is mounting in Washington that the Serb authorities' deliance of the Dayton accords will block any reconstruction and threaten the planned exit of American and European troops by mid 1998. President Clinton's hint that withdrawal might be delayed provoked furious attacks from Congress. But the US has held back so far from imposing new sanctions for fear of hurting the fragile Bosnian economy.

wrecked by four years of civil war, The American decision to cut off contact with Sven Alkalaj, the Bosnian Amhassador, followed similar actions this week by Britain, Germany, France, Austria: Sweden and Italy. It was prompted by the failure of the three-member Bosnian presidency to appoint diplomats to represent the Muslim, Croat and Serb factions by the Dayton deadline of August 1.

also rebuked Carlos Westendorp, the international community's representative in Bosnia, in unusually strong terms. They question why he is not spending more time in Bosnia, and criticised hisextension of negotiating deadlines.

☐ Pale: A senior Bosnian Serb official and ally of Dr Karadzic called yesterday for a general amnesty for all war crimes letter to President Clinton and other world leaders. Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's collective presidency, said that any further moves against suspected war criminals could shatter the country's fragile peace.

The Nato-led peace force arrested one Serb war crimes suspect and killed another resisting arrest on July 10 in the northern Bosnian town of Prijedor. Since then, a number of hand grenade and arson attacks have targeted the force and representatives of other international organisations. Mr Krajisnik suggested a total amnesty. (AP)

Sea explorer accused of plunder

From Richard Owen in rome and Ian Brodie in Washington

SICILIAN allegations of plundering and piracy were rejected last night by Robert Ballard, the explorer known as the Indiana Jones of the Deep, who found a concentration of ancient shipwrecks in the Mediterranear.

"I do not like being wrongly accused," he said from his research centre in Connecticut. He said that few artefacts were taken from the eight ships he explored and the site was 70 miles from land, far beyond Italy's 12-mile limit.

His director of archaeology, Anna Marguerite McCann, a leading American authority on Italian antiquities, confirmed that her Italian counterparts had been kept fully informed of the operation.

The allegations were made by officials on the western coast of Sicily, among them Rosalia Camerata Scovazzo. superintendent of antiquities in Trapani, who said she was demanding that Dr Ballard be investigated. She had protested to Walter Veltroni, the Italian Minister of Culture, who is also Deputy Prime

ecutor in Sciacca, said he was investigating whether Dr Ballard's exploration had been conducted in interna-Another superintendent of antiquides, Graziella Fiorentini, in Agrigento, said: "This sounding the alarm. It must be stopped."

Dr Ballard, who found five

the continuous plunder of Sic-

find no evidence that this

American expedition was au-

thorised. I am asking the

Cabinet in Rome to intervene

and to put an end to this

looting once and for all."

Givseppe Petralia, chief pros-

Roman ships, a 17th-century Islamic fishing vessel and two 19th-century ships, said he was fully confident the Italians knew his location. He was accompanied by Francesco Torre, head of the maritime museum in Trapani, who knew they were well beyond the 12-mile limit.

Far from plundering, very little had been recovered from the ships and 99.9 per cent of This is another example of Dr Ballard said it was his pol-



Ballard: "I was well outside 12-mile limit"

icy not to recover vast amounts of treasure trove but to take only sufficient material to determine its age and

It was his fifth expedition in the area in the past nine years and the first time he had been contacted by the Italians, "It comes as a surprise that all of a sudden we are being accused of piracy and plundering since they were well

each of six ships and nothing from the other two. The wrecks had been left where they were found and the items recovered were protected by the non-profit Sea Research Foundation which would not allow their exploitation. The material cannot be sold and the collection cannot be bro-

ken up. Dr Ballard said. Scholars were free to exam ine the items, which included Roman bronze vessels and amphorae, clay containers for oil and wine and food. Noth ing was damaged in the recovery and mosey was being spent to stabilise and

erve the artefacts. Dr Ballard refused to spec ulate why the Sicilians ap peared to be demonstrating hort pride, but he did say to ancient shipwrecks in the ceion by Sicilian trawlers than by his submarine and underwater robot. "They are gouging the ocean hottom with steel doors in search of

Far from being a phinderer. be said, he was worried about others who would by to loot the ancient ships with me international laws to deker

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Cosmonauts blast off to rescue Mir

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

in the hands of two veteran only hours after its two oxygen generators broke down.

As Mir's three man crew struggled to deal with the latest problem on the accidentprone orbiter, Anatoli Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov were launched in a Sovuz rocket from the space centre at Baikonur, Kazakhstan, for what was described as Russia's most important mission in a decade.

The two men have been undergoing exhaustive preparations for their mission to repair the holed Spektr mod-ule on Mir and reconnect the station's power supply, damaged during a collision on

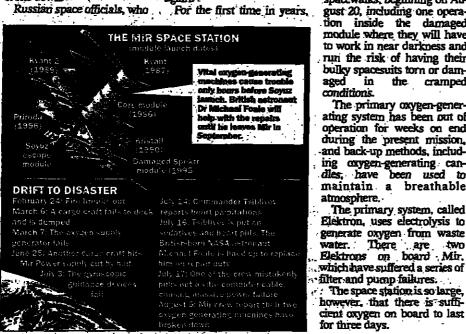
The mission got off to a promising start as the rocket made a perfect lift-off on its. way to dock with Mir tomorrow. However, in space the prospects looked less positive. Only hours before the Soyuz rocket was launched, the two oxygen-generating machines

RUSSIA'S future in space lies are still reductant to admit to cosmonauts who were fired the incident and emphasised into orbit yesterday to repair that the crow had enough the stricken space station Mir. oxygen canisters for two

ence on our shoulders in dealing with this."

personally would rather not be part of the crew."

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General Igor Sergeyev, the setbacks; sought to play down Defence Minister, who is ultimately responsible for space operations, and Yuri Baturin, the head of the Defence Coun-

cil, flew to Baikonur for the

ship is understandable. In any

Western country the Mir pro-

gramme would have been

halted long ago for safety reasons, after a series of

accidents including a serious

fire, the collision and numer-

determined to keep the 120-

tonne orbiter going for

another two years. Although

Russia is short of cash for its

space programme, maintain-

ing manned missions on Mir

ensures financial support

from Nasa and European

space agencies and will guar-

antee Russia automatic partic

ipation in the next generation

of space exploration, the inter-

the most delicate and danger-

ous ever attempted in space.

Mr Solovyov and his deputy

are expected to conduct six

spacewalks, beginning on Au-

gust 20, including one opera-

tion inside the damaged

module where they will have to work in near darkness and

vater. There are two

Elektrons on board Mir.

which have suffered a series of

conditions.

atmosphere.

The new operation is one of

national space centre.

However, the Russians are

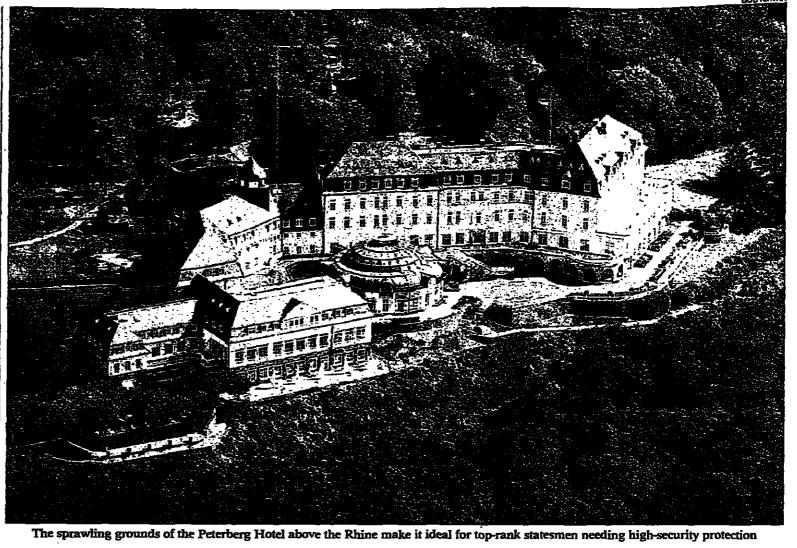
ous power failures.

The concern of the leader-

This has happened a thousand times before, so it is not worth making a fuss about, said Viktor Blagov, the deputy flight director at Mission Control. "Yes we are concerned, but we have immense experi-

The mission has become an exercise in crisis management rather than serious science, according to Professor André Balogh of Imperial College, London. He said that the crew had been doing nothing scienofically useful for six weeks. They are learning lessons in managing disasters in space. That could be useful, but I

There is no disguising the very real sense of concern throughout Russia that one of the few positive legacies of the Soviet era may be about to come to an end unless Mir can be made fully operational



Cash-starved Bonn sells off VIP eyrie

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government, strapped for cash, is putting up for sale its exclusive hilitop hotel which has housed the likes of Neville Chamberlain, Leonid Brezhnev and Yassir Arafat

run the risk of having their The Petersberg Hotel, perched high bulky spacesuits torn or damabove the Rhine across the river from in the cramped Bonn, is the jewel in the crown of the Government's extensive property port-The primary oxygen-generfolio. Now, in order to ease the country's budgetary problems and keep on track for European economic ating system has been out of operation for weeks on end during the present mission. and monetary union, the sprawling estate is on offer to the highest bidder. and back-up methods, including oxygen-generating can-dles, have been used to

Built in 1914, the hotel houses visitors who need high-security protection — it is three minutes from the helicopter maintain a breathable pad to the Chancellor's office - but also accepts ordinary, albeit wealthy, guests. The rooms cost between £250 The primary system, called Elektron, uses electrolysis to and £400 a night and the guests have generate oxygen from waste some unusual perks, including an 18thcentury chapel.

The asking price will be about £70 million, a handy but not decisive contribution to plugging Germany's budget deficit but the new owner will cient oxygen on board to last also have to find the cash to maintain winding approach roads make Peters-berg attractive as a security compound. which is why it is favoured by Middle Eastern guests, but also make it rather

impractical for most tourists. Brezhnev, the Kremlin leader, had his own experiences on the road when he was presented with a Mercedes coupé in 1973. The Soviet leader collected cars and his aides had hinted broadly that he favoured this model. But Brezhnev crashed the car minutes after receiving it from Willy Brandt, a

short drive down the Petersberg hill. One theory is that Brezhnev drove the car into a ditch deliberately because he did not like the colour. The replacement was a different shade.

The dramatic river view from the presidential suite of the hotel may have lured Chamberlain into trusting Hitler. The Prime Minister stayed in the hotel in September 1938 during one of his missions to persuade Hitler to stay out of the Sudetenland. It was in the

leaders of the warring Bosnian factions were put up there.

Whenever a VIP with top-security rating is lodged there, ordinary guests are barred from the hotel. That makes Petersberg that the outlines of the a stay there rather haphazard and has led to the loss of business: hence the annual government subsidy of about El million. There are about 30 bidders in the running, including millionaires

and hotel chains. Local people have use of the hotel's parkland and are determined therefore that the Petersberg should not fall into the hands of a reclusive millionaire like Michael Jackson. "That would be a disaster: there would be grubby fans everywhere and dog patrols around the perimeter," a nearby shopkeeper

Munich agreement were laid down.

Hitler, of course, ended by ignoring the

Despite these negative associations.

the Queen was happy to stay there and

other guests have included the late

Shah of Iran and King Hussein of

Jordan. In more recent years, the

Other celebrities, however, are welcome to make a bid. Michael Schumacher, the racing driver, celebrated his wedding reception in a large

Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler drafted an outline of the Munich pact when they met at the Petersberg Hotel in 1938

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Italy moves SS captain to prison

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ERICH PRIEBKE, the former Nazi officer convicted of tak-ing part in Italy's worst wartime atrocity, is to be moved to prison from the friary where he is under house arrest. according to Antonino intelisano. Rome's chief military

prosecutor. Signor Intelisano said the Franciscans at the San Bonaventura friary at Frascati, in the hills south of Rome, had told him "they do not want Priebke any more". He said the friary had given the former SS captain refuge during his trial, but had not meant to extend their hospitality" to include his jail sentence. He has been allowed to remain at... the friary under armed guard since the trial ended two

Weeks ago. Last month Priebke was found guilty of taking part in the massacre of 335 Italian men and boys in the Ardeatine caves just outside Rome in March 1944, and was senting the first taken in th tenced to 15 years in jail. Because of his advanced age— he is 83—this was reduced to. five, of which he is likely to serve less than a year if the time already spent awaiting trial is taken into account.

Priebke was first convicted last year, after extradition to Italy from Argentina in 1995, but was released because of a statute of limitations covering crimes committed more than 50 years ago. After a public outcry he was rearrested, and his retrial opened earlier this

The uncertainty over Priebke's fate came as Italy confronted another facet of the Fascist past, the confiscation by the German authorities of valuables belonging to Italian

At a moving ceremony Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Budget and Treasury Minister, handed over to representatives of Italy's Jewish community a treasure trove of pocket watches, jewels, silver, neck-laces, bracelets and gold teeth taken from Jews rounded up

Disgruntled tycoons hit Yeltsin 'heir' with corruption allegations

lar young Russian minister tipped to succeed President Yeltsin has had his image badly tarnished by allegations of sleaze, bribery and abuse of

In the space of a few days, the energetic Deputy Prime Minister, who made his name as an anti-corruption crusader, has been thrown on the defensive by a concerted campaign to discredit his character and limit his authority. The attack was orchestrated by a group of disgruntled banking and media tycoons who last week lost a multi-million pound bid for shares in Svyazinvest, the newly priva-tised telecommunications

Mr Nemtsov hailed the sell-Afr Nemisov halled the serioff as one of the first honest
auctions in Russia's troubled
privatisation history. But supporters of the losing bids, like
Boris Berezovsky, the deputy
head of the security council,
and Vladimir Gusinsky, who
heads a harking and media heads a banking and media empire, accused the Govern-ment of bias in favour of the £1.1 billion winning bid by Uneximbank

Mr Gusinsky's NTV, Russia's only independent net-

BORIS NEMTSOV, the popu- work, made the first attack accusing the 37-year old Depu-ty Prime Minister of backing the winning bid to assure campaign funding for his presidential challenge in three years time. It went on to accuse him of everything from incompetence to poor taste, when he was castigated for being too casually dressed for

a government meeting. Andrei Klimentyev, Mr Nemtsov's former friend and political ally, pressed home the attack with far more damaging allegations on Fri-day. The former businessman, who was convicted of stealing, alleged that, when Mr Nemtsov was Governor of Nizhny Novgorod, he accepted bribes worth more than £500,000 and took part in a scam to steal more than £7 million in government credits intended for a local

shipping company. The latest blow came on Monday when Aleksandr Minkin, an investigative journalist, published transcripts in Novaya Gazeta of a taped telephone conversation said to be between Mr Nemtsov and Sergei Lisovsky, head of a powerful media group. The Deputy Prime Minister re-

portedly demanded that Mr In spite of the public cam-Lisovsky pay him more than £60,000 for his recently published book. The Provincial, so that he could include the money in his declaration of earnings. Mr Minkin wondered how

the slim volume of memoirs could be worth the hefty advance payment. Mr Nemtsov has also been accused of delaying his own anti-corruption legislation for three days, allowing many senior government officials to avoid revealing the whole extent of their



Nemtsov: has started

paign, Mr Nemtsov, who has just left for his home town of Sochi for a summer holiday. vowed to fight back. He has instructed Vitali Khakin, his lawyer, to file a libel suit against Mr Klimentyev and asked the public prosecutor's office to investigate the tap-

ping of his telephone.

Despite calls for his sacking by opposition figures, particularly his old enemy, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, the young reformer is expected to survive the current campaign, albeit with his reputation battered. How-ever, the row could cause serious long-term problems for Mr Yeltsin, who has relied on the close co-operation between his ministers and the powerful business community

to guarantee his stability. Mr Gusinsky and Mr Berezovsky were key members of an informal alliance of bankers and media moguls, whose funding and propagan-da were instrumental in the President's re-election campaign last year. If a split has emerged between his Government and the private sector his own political base could be

Mosquitoes add biblical touch to floods

By ROGER BOYES

SIMON WILSON, a BBC producer, was proud to have bamboozled German police checkpoints and enter the no-go area near the swollen banks of the Oder. A sleepless night in a damp garden shed was a cheap price for good television pictures of the expected gushing of Boodwaters in Oderbruch.

The floods did not come, but the mosquitnes did. Like all journalists on the sodden dykes of eastern Germany. his arms and neck are tattooed with mosquito bites: "They're big and bad," he

There is something biblical about this summer in Central Europe. First came the floods in the Czech Republic and Poland, killing almost 100 people and in Trieste during the German wartime occupation.

Trieste had the only Nazi death camp on Italian soil, at San Sabba towards the Baltic. Another 5,000 people

are to be innoculated against jaundice and typhoid fever, the concern is that the facces brought to the surface by flooded sewers will spread disease.

Now a plague of mosquitoes. Attracted by the brackish water, mosquitoes must feel they are in paradise. The heat gives a slightly tropical feel. These are the dogdays of summer when local farmers traditionally ban their children from swimming in the river or lakes the heat and humidity force too many infected dogs or diseased livestock to cool down in the water. Sweat pours off the backs of the reporters delivering breathless commentaries to camera. They are natural mosquito victims, as are the 14,000 soldiers shifting sandbags. Medical supplies are being flown in not so much for flood refugees as for scratching soldiers who have an urgent need of anti-

In the Czech Republic Otakar Prazak. an environmental scientist from Breclay. is talking of a mosquito invasion. Czech aid workers are spraying areas close to homes. In Wroclaw, on the Polish side of the river, town planners intend to smoke out the mosquitoes. "Perhaps we can half the mosquito population with this smoke action — even that would be a success. Dr Andrzej Puzio, the health chief of the Polish flood committee, said. It will not be so easy to combat the rats — the water level in the sewers is still too high - and there are now four rats for every resident of Wroclaw. The authorities seem to be counting on cats to keep down the rats, but many cats have drowned.

President Herzog visited the German flood region yesterday. Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, issued a statement to parliament praising the work of the relief organisations. Herr Kohl said that total federal government aid to the east would reach DM500 million (£165 million). Water levels are dropping, but authorities said again yesterday that the pressure on the dykes is still very high and so the danger of flooding has not receded.

Italian Alps claim 8 climbers

Bolzano: Eight climbers died and the wife of a senior German diplomat was missing after a series of accidents mountain near the Swiss and Austrian borders.

Another three climbers died in a separate incident on the in the eastern Italian Alps, police said yesterday.

Four firemen from northern Italy were killed when they fell more than 330ft from the approach to the 12,600ft summit of the Great Zebru

Another three climbers died same mountain later in the day. One of them was reportedly a 44-year-old Alpine guide who had witnessed the first accident and alerted

mountain rescue services. The weather is fine at the why all these people have died," an official said.

Fifty miles further east, a 62year-old man died after falling 165ft from Pelmo mountain near Belluno.

Anna Maria Neuner, 56, the wife of a German diplomat to the Vatican, went missing on Monday. (Reuter)



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Flattery and glamour are in the high street, says Grace Bradberry

duced sophisticated tailoring and stunning bias-cut evening dresses - with price tags over the £1.000 mark.

In this rarefied strata of fashion, they are doing jolly well. The actress Francesca Annis, parmer of Ralph Fiennes, wore one of their creations to the Oscars. They have also dressed Anjelica Houston and the model Amber Valetta. To the rest of us they have, so far, been an irrelevance, albeit a very beau-

The news that they were to design a collection for Debenhams inspired both ex-

clothes for an exclusive clien- much harder with clothes ele. Since launching their aimed at older women where silhouette are everything.

Somehow Pearce Fionda have pulled it off. They've kept the pronounced shapes of their trousers and jackets and the sweep of their evening dresses. without the clothes looking department storeish.

Perhaps the best thing about the collection however, is that it is designed to create long. lean lines where they do not naturally exist. This kind of flattery usually costs a bomb (though why this should be is one of the great shopping mysteries). It's a joy to see someone delivering it at a reasonable price.





S usan Duckworth's butterflies crowd together on this tapestry creating a wonderful kaleidoscope of phosphorescent colour. On a speckled cream background, vivid reds, apricot, topaz and ultramarines combine with paler powder blues, ochre, Venetian red, carnation and cinnamon brown in a cloud of overlapping wings. These fresh and cheerful colours make this one of Susan Duckworth's very best tapestries, and it is stitched on 14 mesh canvas to capture the subtle detail of the design.

Measuring 13" x 13" the design is printed in full colour on 14 holes to the inch canvas. 100% pure new wool from the Twilley range is used and the pattern can be worked in either half-cross or rent stitch. The kit costs £25 including postage and packing, and comes complete with wool, canvas, needle and instruction leaflet. When ordering use FREEPOST - no stamp is needed.

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Five go mad in Shepherds Bush

While fans wait for a new series, Bridget Harrison describes the real This Life

This Life Friends. we are suddenly part of a new phe girls (definitely not women) in chaotic terrace herds Bush, with two cats, two tortoises and two goldfish. Four of us went to school ogether; the fifth is a friend from

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rangement could be more sensible we don't want

move in with boyfriends - but we write down the cost and months seem to inspire continued fascina- later work out who owes who what tion. It's a bit like being lesbrans: men always want to know what it is you do together. "Ah, so there's five of you — five girls, I'd love to come over for dinner some time."

We are often compared to This. Life, the cult television programme about 20-somethings sharing a house (The current series ends



The east of This Life.

gerdrunk together in our local. We even have the ocasional candle lit

ve have no one hanging around looks like Miles or Joe and we don't each other's Weetabix because each all our food is

cided that bits of cheese and coffee jars with our names stuck on them would be totally uncivilised. Every time any of

later work out who owes who what Tension did arise in the beginning when the more critical against among us, came home bearing M&S bags shifted with qualty eggs, huge hunks of parmesan and growing herbs that lasted five minutes. Tart replies of You may complain but you're pretty quick to tuck in," has led arguments over the food bill to a long-lasting stalemate and we hardly bother now.

Unfortunately As soon as we

careers, bicker in the mornings and from £8,000 to £36,000, we have



remarkably few disagreements about money.

Cooking is done by those who get home first. Those who don't cook must wash up, supposedly on the same night. Sometimes the shopping is neglected for weeks and we live off the "57 varieties" of takeaway to be found in Shepherds

Although each of us have separate social lives, we can become reseeding the lawn, watching East-Enders, This Life and Friends (during which call-minder gets the phone) and throwing huge parties at which we usually end up far drunker than any of our guests.

When we moved into the house, two years ago this spring, all five of us had boyfriends. Now only two remain, and have become so assimilated that they act as house chaperones. Other boyfriends were not exactly pushed out, but girls

of us has been found gently sobbing into her pillow after a row with a man, we have descended with bottles of wine, cigarettes and plenty of stern advice - you deserve better, it's high time he was

Unsuitable suitors have also been seen off with startling brutality. One had barely closed the door behind him before contemptuously arched eyebrows confirmed he wouldn't be coming back on a more

Those who do manage a night of passion in one of our rooms risk giving an unnervingly public performance. One unfortunate visitor was cheered on by a crowd sitting in the kitchen below.

Somehow, the need for a partner diminishes enormously when you have four companions on tap. I no longer fear arriving home alone at night, as I am bound to find someone slobbed out in front of a trashy film, waiting to hear about a

together. This would ensure a permanent supply of baby-sitters and our careers could continue unimpeded. Our children would have friends to play with and no one need be a lonely single mother. We have even contemplated finding one man to father them all — it would make a fascinating sociological experiment and save a lot of fiddling about. We haven't yet agreed on the right man, but we're

Why I want to save all the world's languages

lage on the border between Cameroon and Nigeria, an 87-year-old woman crooms to herself in Bikya, a language she alone understands. Sometimes she cries. All those she once knew are dead. There is no one she can talk to in the tongue she learnt from her parents, no

one left to teach. In the next settlement along: the frontier. Bishuo - the world's second-rarest language - faces extinction, too. A father and son, the last known speakers, have assimilated with their neighbours; although remembering the old tongue, they have adopted a new linguistic identity. But Bikya and Bishuo may

not be lost forever. Dr David Dalby, an obsessive collector. now established the world's most comprehensive register of extant language and dialects - probably at the cost of his two marriages.

The old lady in Furu-awa will be captured on videotape, as will her near neighbours in the village along the border.

Globetrotting for 35 years in search of endangered tongues has left the Welsh academic little time for home life "and, of course I regret that very much". Dr Dalby may have identified 10,000 "living languages", but when he returns home to Hebron, near Car-

marthen, the house is empty. Fascinating facts are his companions, he says sadly. Two languages are spoken by more than a billion - Mandarin Chinese and English; at

Dr David Dalby has identified 10,000 fiving languages. Interview by Bill Frost

least ten others are now above 100 million: Hindi plus Urdu, Spanish, Russian, Bengali, Ar-abic: Malay plus Indonesian, Portuguese, Japanese, French and German.

Language has been his abid-ing passion, and preserving a multilingual world is now an obsession. Dr Dalby, 64, fears the rapid growth of English as

a lingua franca.

"Monolingualism is as bad
as illiteracy... it defies diversity," he says. "There is some-thing very sinister about a group of upper-class English people who dominated the world in the days of Empire and then imposed their own language on subdued peoples.

"I learnt early on that these people can be cruel. Language can be a weapon. Once in upper class company I said toilet instead of lavatory. The shame I felt at their reaction to my use of the language will live with me forever."

.usl00 His doctorate in medieval German was awarded by London University in 1960. Later, his lexicon of German hunting terminology from the

same period was published.

"Lhave studied French, German and a bit of Dutch. I have also dipped into a number of African languages," he says with a modesty that denies his entraordinary fluency.

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Lingo addict: David Dalby

Although the spread of English may threaten "small" languages, London itself is the language capital of the world, Dr Dalby admits. Almost one million schoolchildren in the capital are bilingual. Lan-guages other than English are regularly spoken in 30 per cent of homes. Top of the list comes Bengali, followed by Gujarati, Punjabi and Hindi. Greek is the most popular western European language, while more households speak Portuse than Italian.

"But, remember, we are not immune from language loss in this country. Manx and Cornish have gone as living languages. Of course, people get together in an attempt to revive the language, and that is admirable. But in my experience, they soon differ over some minor point of grammar and fall out badly."

His register — 1,600 pages long and growing all the time presents the world's languages not as "a tower of Babel" but "as the interdependent and complemen-tary components of a world system of communication".

This month, he presents his findings to Unesco, the cultural wing of the United Nations. The timing is appropriate as efforts must be made to preserve diversity against the march of English."

Dr Dalby, who has been helped by the School of Oriental and African Studies and the University of Wales, sees a threat to the survival of "small" languages spoken by hunter-gatherers in the Arctic. Amazonia, south-west Africa and Australia. Without "artificial" help provided by Unesco and others, they could follow central Africa's Pygmy languages into extinction.

community is not just a sound, it represents a unique experience, a unique culture. It is like a fingerprint, there is no duplicate anywhere else.

Chinese, in its various forms, may be used by 1,123 million people, but Bikya and Bishuo are just as important to the continuum of human lan-

guage around the globe.
"The independent nature of individual languages is an illusion, all are interdependent. Words, sounds and grammatical rules pass freely rween languages.

Dr Dalby's crusade to preserve linguistic diversity is no dry academic exercise. He describes himself as "a bit of a visionary determined not to classify humanity by the use of any nation's flag".

He is furious that "huge amounts of money" are spent exploring the surface of Mars while our own planet's wealth of language remains un-mapped and largely ignored.

"I have always been conscious of the unity of human-ity." he says. "We are not individual souls. We live in what should be a harmonious, multilingual world.

am furious still at the suffering inflicted by those who sought to impose English language and culture on the rest of the world. How many tongues were destroyed because we felt we had a Godgiven right to force uniformity on others?

There should be a retrospective tribunal, rather like the Nuremburg trials, to apportion blame for the death of peoples and their languages across North America and Australia Pillory those re-sponsible in the past and perhaps the future will be

Dr Dalby is touchingly modest about his own accomplishments — his research has drawn many plaudits from fellow academics and is due to be released on CD-Rom with a definitive computerised map

of world languages. "I am in love with language and the magic of language. If a child says, 'I like that sound'. he or she should be allowed to study that language. Since the rest of the world has learnt our language, we have a specific responsibility to learn and nurture theirs.

"The last line of my national anthem, 'Land of My Fathers', is 'May the old language live forever'; could there be any better motto for those who care about the wealth of living language in this world?"

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Is this taking abridged too far?

With three shows in the West End, the

Reduced Shakespeare Company must be doing something right. Matt Wolf reports

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he Royal Shakespeare Company may have abandoned the Barbican for the summer, but this season there's another RSC company whose output suggests an empire all its own. On Friday, when the Reduced Shakespeare Company starts previews at the Gielgud with The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged), the

American comic vaudevillians will have three shows in the West End. a feat traditionally saved for the likes of Andrew Lloyd Webber, who is currently only one show ahead.

Over at the Criterion, the troupe has been ensconced for 17 months with The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (ab-ridged), an Olivier

nominee for best comedy. Lest devotees of the only ensemble to put "abridged" after every title feel shortchanged, on Tuesdays the Criterion presents a third reductive effort - The Complete History of America (abridged), in which we learn, among other things, that grow a penis" is an anagram for

Does this mini-industry represent too much of a good thing? For the audiences, evidently not in a climate in which shows can topple like ninepins, this RSC has the resilience of a producer's dreams. "On a bad week, we do £20,000; in a normal week £30,000; if we do £40,000, we're popping champagne corks," says its co-producer, David Johnson, "Most West End shows could not run on that basis." Indeed, the company's tenure at the Criterion has done a lot to shift perceptions of that theatre as a West End graveyard. Patrick Marber wanted the playhouse for an autumn transfer of his National Theatre sellout, Closer, only to be told it wasn't available: the Yanks are here, and for a long haul. "I'd love to be The Mousetrap,"

says the company's co-founder, Adam Long, speaking backstage on the day that the Shakespeare show notched up its 500th performance

at the Criterion. "It's a fairly recent phenome-non that culture has become so disposable. There's a value to be had from doing the same things day after day after day, the insa-tiable appente for that which is new is somewhat misplaced."

A co-writer of the

Bible show who will

continue to perform in the other two evenings at the Criterion, Long. 36, recalls the troupe's ascendancy in Britain from its initial run in 1987 at a 60-seat venue in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

We had come for the fun of it; we didn't think there was a career to be had. We had heard about the National Theatre of Brent at the Assembly Rooms, and here were these two middle-aged men in suits doing the same thing we were doing in a very calm and dignified way, and being absolutely hilarious about it. At that point, it started to dawn on us that it was possible to make a career out of our own peculiar, idiosyncratic rubbish."

That career has progressed apace over time, even if, as Bible performer and co-writer Reed Martin points out, "we make the bulk of our income outside the UK. In the public eye we're better-known in England, though there's much better money in America." With the America show, for example, Mar-



Cutting tall stories short: (clockwise from left) Reed Martin, who co-wrote and acts in the new RSC show, with fellow Bible performers Matt Rippy and Austin Tichenor

tin says the best response abroad has been in Singapore, while it is the Shakespeare show, perhaps inevitably, that resonates best in England.

"We do it the way people think three idiots from California would do it," says Martin, 37, who joined the RSC full-time during a Montre-al stint in 1990. "We're selling the short attention span." Each show makes brevity the soul not just of wit, but of getting to the pub on

"Artistically, it's a natural thing that we should end up in London," says Long, who now lives here. Explaining "our own weird little aberrational niche", Long points to the fact that "Americans like their comedy hig and clowny and with a big smile on your face as you do it: with the British, there has to be a little bit more of an element of selfawareness, of taking the piss as you do it". On tour in Lowestoft and Taunton, he has found the shows getting laughs he never expected: "When you come to these places as a guy who grew up in Hollywood. you just feel like you've come from another planet. Quaint little turns of phrase that are normal to you get

a big laugh."
Still, isn't there a risk of the joke wearing thin: how many abridge-

ments, after all, can the theatre withstand? "It's more a case of whether we just get bored doing it." says Long. Having contributed material to radio (The Reduced Shakespeare Radio Show for BBC World Service) and to Channel 4 (The Ring Reduced, a condensation of Wagner's Ring cycle in collaboration with composer Michael Berkeley), the troupe is looking to expand into stage musicals, TV. perhaps film.

They are currently writing The Complete Encyclopedia (abridged) for London Weekend Television, a sketch comedy series in which, says Martin, "we explain all knowledge in weekly half-hour chunks". Plans are brewing for the company's first musical, The Complete Millenni-um (abridged), which will feature an actual plot as well as an outside composer. "Stephen Sondheim saw the Shakespeare show in New York," says Martin, "Perhaps just for the hell of it, we should give him a call."

For the moment Martin's task, together with fellow players Matt Rippy and Austin Tichenor, is to bring to the stories of Abraham: Samson and Noah (among others) the same loony irreverence that has had audiences at the Shakespeare show chanting "Maybe, maybe not" as they wave their arms above their heads. "I don't think we necessarily need to keep coming up with new shows, "says Long. "Even if we never wrote anything else, our shelf-life could be these three shows. If I ended up just doing the Shakespeare show until I was 80, I would still die a happy person. Anything else we do is just icing on the cake."

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged) previous from Friday at the Gielgud (0171-04 5066). The Complete Works of William Shaltespeare (abridged) and The Complete History of America (abridged) continue at the Criterion (0171-369 1747).

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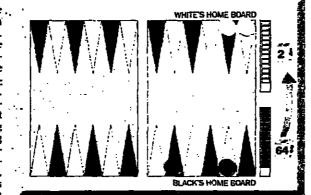
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journey again. The final stages of a game .

of backgammon are in progress in the diagram. White is moving clockwise and Black is moving anticlockwise and the home boards, from which the players bear off, are marked. Black is on roll and is contemplating making the first double of the game by turning the dice to 2 thereby doubling the stakes (the dice traditionally starts with the face showing 64 uppermost). To win, roll; if he does not. White is certain to win next turn whatever he rolls. Black needs to . calculate. There are 36 possible different rolls of the two dice: if more than 18 of them win for him he should double: underdog and should not dou-ble. How many winning rolls



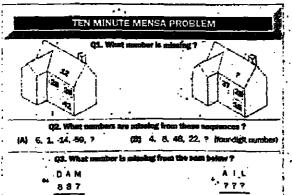
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DAY I (MONDAY) SOLUTIONS.

Scrabble: UNDERLAY for S9 points (double-letter score. and triple-word score for 39 points plus 50 points for using all seven letters). D Weaver of Cowes, Isle of Wight. wins 1500. Mensa Problem: la 83 - multiply the previous number by 3 and subtract 4 (29x3 minus 4 is 83). Ib 122 multiply the previous number by 2 and add 6 (58x2 plus 6. is 122). 2 Racing, Arcing, Caring. 3 Two possible answers:
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frot (80) OR b) 132 - 1st drawing: (6x9) minus (11-8) is 51.

Second drawing: (20x7) minus (12-4) is 132. G Plowman of Wellingborough, Northants, wins £100.

TOMORROW: PLAY GO FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN MORE PRIZES

Macbeth as a regular assegai

hakespeare is African! seng Mnisi's Ka-So said Welcome madonsela, into Msomi, the creator of murdering Danthis rousing version of Macbeth, on opening night; and nobody in the audience looked inclined to argue with him. still less with the warriors stamping in agreement be-hind him. His Johannesburg Civic Theatre company had put more energy into a curtain call than some put into Macbeth itself — and that surely, is the way Shakespeare would

have wished it. Umabatha transposes Macbeth from the land of withered hags, dirks and kilts to that of dancing sorceresses with beaded hair and leopard-skin robes. This is 19th-century Zululand, home of Thabani Tshanini's Mabatha, who is pushed by his wife, Dieketgane, in Lawrence Mason-

do's performance the nation's towering, genial chieftain. The invasion that unseats him comes from Swaziland, not England, but in key respects the story is the familiar one. In other words, anyone who

knows the original would have no trouble following events in Zulu, even without the surtitles sporadically flashing from their anachronistic positions on the Globe's balconies. From these we learn that Mabatha sees a spectral assegai, not a dagger, which explains why Tshanini doesn't just grab at it, but leaps three feet in the air towards it. But I

cannot confirm whether Mnisi

brass and percussion out-

bursts. An atmosphere is un-

conceived in the 1970s -

have tapped a popular vein in

recent years. Prokofiev was

deliberately seeking a more

ingratiating idiom for his

Soviet public. Tasmin Little,

playing with supreme confi-

dence in front of an audience

that adores her, exuded sweet-

ness in her lyrical phrasing

The orchestra and Lazarev,

its new principal conductor, came into their own in the

colourful Clinka overture and

in Tchaikovsky's darkly pass-ionate portrayal of forbidden

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and fingertip delicacy.

porter talks of a farmer who hanged himself after irrigating his land by urinating on it, as their counterparts did when Umabatha visited London in

Msomi evokes a world where magic, laughter and violence co-exist in what I'm tempted to call a Jacobean fashion. The large, bold emo-tions are similarly apt. Mnisi puts so much gleeful ferocity into her voice and gestures that, when she speaks about dashing out her baby's brains, you can imagine the tot bouncing off the floor. As for Tshanini, he beams and swag-

gers with the joy of power and,

bids her breasts when Banquo appears from wither with serthe grave, his panic is extreme. In other words, the producnents' Water", Or tion proves well suited to a Skbumbuzo Nsele's drunken packed O open to the sky; and never more than when the cast

is jumping, somersaulting, drumming its feet, banging shields and weapons, ritually keening or doing whatever evokes a victory celebration or state funeral. The dancing is wonderful and, it seems, unstoppable. In Scotland, Banquo's ghost appears twice before it breaks up Macbeth's feast. Here, the party only shows signs of going off after he has stalked on three times. That says something both about Zulu civilisation and this exhibitating company.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

BBC PROMS: Russians rule with bells and gong; plus a baffling premiere.

Simple spirits

ESNO/Lazarey Albert Hall/Radio 3

THE Last Night of the Proms came early this year. On Sunday, Alexander Lazarev led the audience in a clap-along — they needed little enough encouragement - to a Highland fling of an encore from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Up to that point the programme had been solely, though inventively, Russian. Glinka was represented by the little-known Capriccio Brillante on the Jota Aragonesa (Spanish Overture No I), Tchaikovsky by his symphonic fantasia Francesca da Rimini, and Giya Kancheli not previously heard at a rom — by his Symphony No 3 (UK premiere).

Kancheli may be a new name to the Proms, but the Georgian composer is already something of a cult hit among those who seek spiritual meaning in simplicity. The Third Symphony begins with a solo voice intoning a lamenting, folk-inspired melody — an

and which is implicit even when not sounded. The coun-tertenor David James here had the difficult task, executed Encore, competently, of sounding those few notes in the void. maestro There is much use of bells, a gong and celestially sustained strings, all punctuated by loud

doubtedly conjured, and perhaps a certain spirituality, but ultimately this music IN A season producing some doesn't go anywhere. Rather, as Schnittke once put it, one exciting Proms premieres, one of the most memorable will experiences "a period of endsurely be Roger Reynolds's lessness that passes by like a The Red Act Arias, a BBC commission unveiled on Mon-day, it will probably also remain one of the most baf-A "new simplicity" of a different kind is evident in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto fling, but its massive 45-No 2 in G minor. Where minute span ruled out the Kancheli's minimal gestures possibility of a helpful repeat

performance. Indeed, it was only towards its well worked out conclusion that the score's time-scale became clear: on its own, the opening movement sounded dense and unwieldy. Reynolds, an American avantgardist new to the Proms, is not an "easy" composer. As belits someone who studied physics, his works are technically innovative, and in The Red Act Arias he continues to use computers to find new sounds and new emotions in familiar musical material.

Beneath its formidable complexities. The Red Act Arias is been overwhelming. a quasi-dramatic work of deep emotion: with Euripides and

Aeschylus texts that recall the explosive relationship of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, it could hardly be anything else. Each of the three movements, or "arias", is preceded by spoken narration (Harriet Walter), but it is the choir (the indomitable BBC Singers) that carries the burden, often sing-ing as one voice in the manner of a Greek chorus. They have a lot to contend with from a

large orchestra and computer mixed sounds, co-ordination between mixing table and orchestra may not have been totally precise, but Leonard Slatten shaped a strong confident performance. The piece was written with the Albert Hall in mind, and

loudspeakers encircled the arena so that electronic effects "travelled" around the space. Although some of the runtblings and guttural groaning seemed stuck in the 1970s. there were many haunting moments in the second and third movements, with washes of dreamlike sound and coiling solos evoking desolation

and hopelessness. Reynolds shared the programme with Mahler's Blumine. Slatkin was compelling in both works and, if the BBC Symphony Orchestra had not apparently been suffering from an early case of Proms fatigue, the results might have

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Simon Tait on the Dartington International Summer School - 50 years old and still counting

Of big fish and tiddlers

he 79-year old violin virtuoso Ruggiero Ricci is giving a young man the benefit of his lifetime's experience. Vibrato!" Ricci exclaims. "Vibrato, vibrato, vibrato! Gotta have a neon light in your head alla time tells you "Vibrato!"" In another room in the same building a glorious crash announces the first grappling with Respighi by the Hackney Youth Orchestra: 30 teenagers who know they will never be but come to the Dartington International Summer School every year.
We can talk to anyone, go
anywhere — masterclasses. concerts - and we're just one of them," says 15-year-old Terence McDermott, who plays the viola. "It makes you want to try harder, practise more, get better."

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In many ways, he has summed up the raison d'être of the summer school, not much different now from when it began 50 summers ago. Back then, the pianist Artur Schnabel had been impressed by the new Edinburgh Pestival created by John Christie and Rudolph Bing, but thought that musicians of all standards should be part of the postwar cultural regeneration, ideally in the sort of campus Kokoschka had set up for painters in Salzburg.

Schnabel asked his pupil, William Glock; to be artistic director of his people's festival, and friends such as Imogen Holst, Elizabeth Lutyens and Dorothy and Leonard Elmhirst helped to set up the first summer school Initially, it was held at Bryanston School, but five years later it moved to Dartington, where the Elmhirsts had established their school and a college of arts.

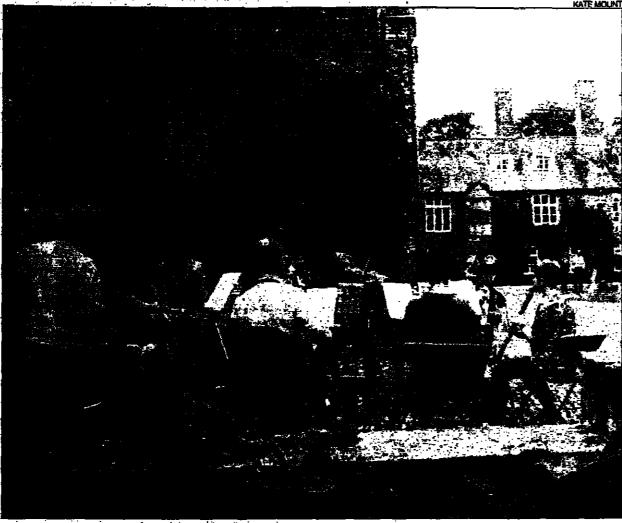
John Amis became the manager. He recruited music students to build stages, shift instruments and put up posters. They became known as "trogs", because they seemed to appear magically from holes in the ground, and Amis asked his old prep school chum Donald Swann to orga-nise them. Swann was also allowed to try out the ideas he and Michael Flanders came up with, and one of their little late night cabarets was called At the Drop of a Hat

In 1957 Stravinsky came. He sailed to Plymouth, counted his 20 bags of luggage into the and when they arrived at Dartington, found there were only 19. The missing one. containing his current work including the only manuscript of Agon, had been left on the

quay.

Britten's Rape of Lucretia
was written for Dartington. but John Christie asked the Eimhirsts if it could be used to reopen Glyndebourne, and they agreed. Next year the current artistic director, Gavin Henderson, hopes to get it on at Dartington at long last.

That is, if there is a Dartington Summer School next year. Each time it becomes more difficult to raise the £1 million needed to run the school, and the 1997 gath-



Going home in an ambience music-makers at the Dartington International Summer School pursue their muse al fresco

ship of the Hong Kong-based Poo Shing Woo Foundation.

There are other sponsors. but the artists, such as Ricci, who teach and perform for a traction of what they can normally demand, are the real underwriters. The courses are always oversubscribed, so that the four-week school which

Age: 23.

ed to do."

ering is only taking place once fitted neatly into August because of the new sponsor- has had to become five weeks, and next year will be six.

"Each year," says Ricci, "the level is higher, and the ambience is so good here. Could you do it anywhere else? I don't think so. I have 18 students this time, aged nine to 30, and they are all talented. all will be soloists." Thomas Hemsley runs the you get here is a bit of what's missing in opera elsewhere." he says. "It's the feeling of ensemble. Companies are not supporting young performers properly. Here we study intensively the words and music, and concentrate totally on that without being distracted by all the other elements of opera production."

advanced opera course. "What Henderson took over from Sir Peter Maxwell Davies 13 years ago, and since then the summer school has opened out to include dance, jazz. flamenco, film, drama, computer composition, even rock music, but with still the same mix of amateurs, students and pros, 300 at a time.

It's a judicial blend of talents," says Henderson, "a chemistry it is almost impossible to explain. American and Japanese visitors don't understand that people with such different standards can come

e calls the summer school a garden of errors, a seed bed where things germinate and sometimes grow into a Mark Elder, a Harrison Birtwistle or the Amadeus String Quartet — all alumni but might not. "I think the rest of the world is waking up," Henderson says. "Performance is going to change radically, people are going to be able to make music as they did before the war." The lute player Anthony

Rooley is producing a political opera, Albion and Albanius, written by John Dryden and Louis Grabu in 1685 which, as far as anyone can tell, will receive its world premiere in the Dartington Great Hall tomorrow. "It's absurd to try to produce a three-and-a-half hour opera from scratch in ten days, but something comes over you here," he says. Things that couldn't possibly be done anywhere else are suddenly possible."

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I could have been a smouldering young blade, but it's been too much of a fag

could not have ignited my shirt at a more propitious time. Especially as it was a glamorous shirt, with a fashionable little horse embroidered on it. And if a bonus were needed, I could have asked for nothing better than the double-header whereby, when the fire started. I was sitting, wearing my glamorous sunglasses, in my glamorous red

I was wearing my sunglasses, mind, not, primarily, to look glamorous, I was wearing them because the convertible's hood was glamorously down, and under these circumstances, sparks from the cigarette which added a foxy grace-note to this glamorous symphony could have been whipped into my eyes by the wind, whereupon all this glamour would have brought me the stardom it deserved: I should have got my big break on the evening news, as a sheeted corpse on the grass verge of the A41.

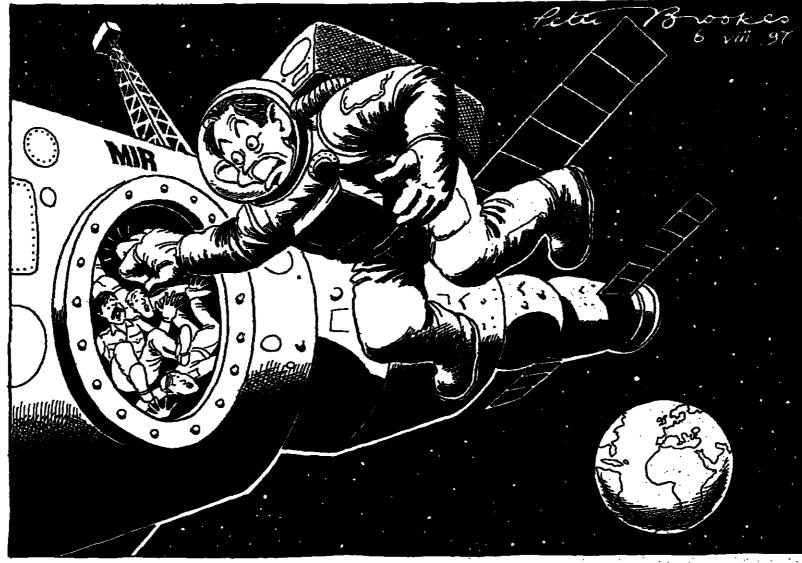
So the sparks did not blow into my eyes. They blew onto my shirt. I did not realise this until I got out at the rendezvous for which all this glamour had been punctiliously coordinated and adjusted my glamorous spotted silk tie in the rear-view mirror. I found not only that my shirt had half a dozen charred holes in it, but also that the pattern on the spotted silk tie had become irregular. Which left me, as I sidled into lunch behind the glamorous panama held over my chest. with a lot of unglamorously sheepish explaining to do.

Why on earth, you cry, does he call this time propitious? I do so because the fire occurred last Saturday, and on the very next day the newspapers were packed to the gunwales with complaints by the Health Education Authority that style magazines were promoting tobacco as a top accessory. "Showing role models with cigarettes in poses that look cool," it cried, "reinforces the message that smoking is glamorous." The HEA was going spare, it was chewing the end of its tether, it had no idea what to do to buck this appalling trend. It did not know — until today — that all it had to do was ask.

Because there is nobody more qualified than I to mastermind an HEA counterblast targeted on the unglamorousness of cigarettes. Thirty times a day for the past 40 years, ie, on some 440,000 occasions, I have run the risk of those humiliating blows to amour propre that only the serious smoker experiences. I have diced with the utterly unglamorous, and I have in consequence sunk so often to the lowest depths of the uncool as to have accumulated a range of situation, plot, character, and moral pay-off fit to keep regiments of HEA propagandists scribbling round the clock to adapt the stuff into posters, jingles, films, slogans, and any other outlet aimed at discouraging the weed.

Take, for example, this engaging billboard showing a young blade simpering seductively as he passes to a lissome girl the fag he has just lit for her: is his simper not somewhat marred by the trickle of blood beneath it. which matches the stain on the fag that had so unfortunately stuck to his lip? How about this little film of a cool dude in a Ferrari, turning at traffic lights to ogle the svelte driver in the car beside him? Why is he now frantically grabbing at his groin? Because his cigar was long and his window was shut. and the snapped-off end has fallen between his legs and is currently burrowing hotly into the white hide of man and car alike. The cool dude has become an uncool dud. As has, oh look, this briefly more successful Lothario, lighting his macho Zippo in the post-coital darkness beside a non-smoker whose pillowed tresses suddenly go up in flames. Lucky there is Krug to hand to douse her? Sadly no, for in grabbing frantically at the magnum, that hand will knock her bedside radio to the floor, alerting the landlady beneath, a martinet so averse to nookie as to have framed the lease in such a way that in the closing shot the glamorous couple are seen huddled naked in the sleet, waiting for their chic Armani threads to start flying out of the window.

I'm rather surprised that, given all this, New Tony has not already addressed it, for who must shudder more than he at smoking's gravest risk? Any day now, I expect to see every packet carrying a government warning that smoking can seriously damage your glamour.



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The bards of the byrger

The scene is from Walter Mitty.

A man sitting in a marquee in a damp North Wales field hears his name called out in Welsh. A spotlight picks out Cen Williams, an academic from Anglesey, who stands up looking bermused. Suddenly an Arch-Druid dressed like a Pope descends on him carrying a wand and attended by acolytes. Mr Williams is draped in a purple gown and transported to the stage. There he is set upon a throne and is crowned with a silver crown. Girls with flowers in their hair dance before him, celestial harps play behind and a maiden presents him with the fabled Horn of Hirlas. An ode is sung in his

Then the Arch-Druid raises a vast sword over Mr Williams's head and cries: "A oes heddwch?" (Is there peace?) "Heddwch!" shouts the audience. For a moment all talk of a Welsh referendum ceases. There is peace. For this, so far, is Wales's only assembly. It is the National Eisteddfod, meeting this week in the heart of Welsh Wales in Bala. The significant is never far removed from the

The tribal ceremonies of the peoples of the British Isles are bewilderingly vulgar. I once attended a banquet in London which was interrupted by Scots pipers marching round the tables, going full blast in bearskins and kilts. An. Italian next to me assumed it was a terrifying student prank. When I reassured him he replied: "But I thought our Julius Caesar had helped you wipe out these people." As for the English, any function involving the House of Lords, the Anglican Church or Oxford University can reduce the irreverent to uncontrollable giggles.

The Welsh Eisteddfod takes the palm. It is a Booker Prize ceremony set in Stonehenge with a cast from Die Meistersinger. The eisteddfod itself is extremely ancient, dating from 1176 and probably the oldest arts festival in Europe. The institution at its heart, however, the Gorsedd, originated as a Welsh branch of the Ancient Order of Druids. These are complete phoneys, founded in 1717 in London. Not until the 19th century did the druidical fiction come to the eisteddfod. How Welsh culture was hijacked by this freemasonry of ministers, teachers and librarians in capes and white boots is a mystery.

For all that, the eisteddfod is impressive. Of the half million Welsh people fluent in the native language, a fifth may

Much of the National Eisteddfod may be laughably bogus — but it is still an occasion with significant cultural clout

Simon

visit the festival during the week. I find it eerie to wander round a packed site in the midst of Great Britain and be surrounded by people speaking a lan-guage of which I know virtually nothing. Since 1937 the eisteddfod has refused to permit a word of English at the festival or its fringe. This year they even banned Wales's foremost rock bank, Gorky, who refused to sing only in Welsh. Even fastfood stalls must make up such pseudo-Welsh names as "byrgers". Nor is there a decent bookstall, as if nothing in English had ever advanced the Welsh cause and as if Dylan Thomas and R.S. Thomas never existed. Yet despite this

ferocious exclusion, of tourists and of the four-fifths of the people only English, it can still pack a cultural punch. The Edinburgh Festival is merely a set of arts events staged in Scotland. The eisteddfod is a competitive olympiad dedicated to

literature and song in one cultural tradition. The rules for the 24-beat metre used in the poetic form of the cynghanedd were laid down in 1450 and are still honoured by (at the last count) some 500 practitioners. This year's winner of the bardic crown won it for an ode to a character in the Mabinogion, the tragic Branwen. There are competi-tions for Welsh lyric poetry, music, dancing, drama crafts and recitation.

For any people to honour its identity. not by ethnic cleansing, bombing or civil disobedience, but by chairing its poets and celebrating its singers is surely laudable. Laudable too is that these celebrations should not take place in a capital, under the aegis of the regional authority. The eisteddiod is held in a different town each year. It is visited not just by Wales's stage army of educationists and officials, but by farmers, shopkeepers, bankers and ministers. The concept of the peripatetic cultural partiament ~ however self-appointed ~ is truly popular, and unique to Wales.

The eisteddfod is, of course, political. Its politics are that of language. As elsewhere in Europe, language is a proxy for group identity and a means for excluding outsiders. The eisteddfod is a platform for the Welsh Language Society, a front for Plaid Cymru, itself founded at an eisteddfod in 1925. The Gorsedd had long led the forward charge to get English taxes to support the Welsh language. In 1967 equal status was granted on forms and signs. In 1982 a television channel was devoted to Welsh, conceded like most Tory gestures only after threats of violence and a hunger strike from the Weish National-

This is a synthetic imination. The survival of Welsh is in truth a gift of the English state. Anyone with a passable knowledge of Welsh can today get a job with the Government or the BBC.

ist leader, Gwynfor

The number of children proficient in Welsh is even said to be rising. But withdraw the subsidies and Welsh would surely resume the downward slide it saw throughout this century, having lasted so long only through its identity with religious Nonconformity. It is one thing to support the study of a language as "heritage", another to force it on reluctant English-speaking Welsh at their considerable cost. Welsh Channel 4 is the world's most expensive

minority channel. This year, however, Welsh politics faces a different predicament, the determination of most of the Cardiff Establishment to have their new assembly. Next month's referendum has a mountain to climb to reverse the 80 per cent vote against such an assembly in 1979. The outcome is not a foregone conclusion. Unlike in Scotland or London, constitutional reform is not a matter of consensus in Wales. Not only are the Welsh Tories opposed, but so is

much of rural Wales and many Labour stalwarts, from Lord Tonypandy to Llew

The case remains evenly balanced. There is already a Welsh administration. There is a Welsh Office in Cardiff and a superstructure of 150 appointed quangos, some of them notoriously corrupt. There is a Welsh dimension for regional government distinct from England. That this government should lack democratic focus is ostensibly outrageous. Wales may not have been a constitutional nation, like Scotland. But it is a people Across Europe, cultural and demographic continuity have been

reason enough for self-rule.

Against this theory must be set the likely practice. Despite its detractors, the proposed Welsh assembly is not merely a talking shop. It would control more than £7 billion of resources, notably those flowing into economic develop-ment, education, health, the arts and local government. Sixty assembly members, with Labour strongly in the majority, would have discretion over

huge amounts of money.

Wales is not a coherent politic ture, relying on mas-. The gulf between south and north is wide. The north is becoming Merseyside-on-Sea and much of central Wales is a home from home for the Midlands. The assembly will exacerbate existing divisions between north and south, English and Welsh, locals and newcomers. It will put at risk the cultural identity that has come, in small part, from the eisteddfod tradition. Worse, it could introduce politics into that identity, and raise unpleasant questions. What price a monoglot eisteddfod when an English-speaking assembly is doling out the subsidies?

The principle is clear regions with a coherent sense of self should be free to choose devolved self-government. For Wales to need ministers, officials and subsidies ordained from London is humiliating. It is the namy state gone geographical. If the Welsh want their assembly, they must be entitled to it, whether or not others think it in their best interest. But I have a premonition. The hard grafters of Cardiff will want things their way. They have long put the pork barrel and the planning permit before the odes of Branwen. They do not speak Weish and prefer not to be reminded of the fact. Time may come when the jovial bards of Bala, leaders of a still significant British culture, will look back on 1997 as a blessed memory.

Spinning out of control

Bruce Anderson

on the hubris of Peter Mandelson

f Peter Mandelson died today, he would already have achieved an immortality. He not only invented Tony Blair: he reinvented the Labour Party. Then he brought the two together.

Over the past decade, no British politician has been more influential. Without Mr Mandelson there might have been a Labour Government, but it would have had neither a huge majority nor the vaulting hegemonic arrogance. But as is apparent from the events of the past few days. Mr Mandelson is in

danger of becoming a major obstacle to his own ambitions. He has a problem; he has the defects of his qualities. Peter Mandelson's principal assets are fear, distrust and ruthlessness. He is afraid of the Tories, the most formidable of all democratic parties, and capable of recovering from adversity. He distrusts Labour, whose internal divisions and

unpopular policies have so often assisted the Tories. Finally, he is ruthless towards anyone who might stand in his way. Mr Mandelson does not have an original mind. He has never displayed any interest in ideas, the book which he co-authored is as thinly argued as it is badly written. Some politicians enjoy mastering opponents in argument. Mr Mandelson would not be very good at that, so instead he bullies any potential opponent, especially on the electronic

He and Alastair Campbell spent several years browbeating television journalists, especially from the BBC. Many of those whom they were bullying were, in fact, closet Labour supporters, which may explain their spineless response. Mr Mandelson had also taken the precaution of befriending the BBC's Director-General, John Birt: the BBC's hierarchy did often seem curiously reluctant to defend its journalists.

But even in sclerotic institutions afflicted by bias and timidity, bullying does huild up resentments — as has become apparent over the past few days. In the Newsnight studio the other evening, a recording was shown of Mr. Mandelson straining for sincerity while insisting that a Labour Government would never be guilty of media manipu-

lation. The studio erupted into laughter.

It was also a mistake of Mr.

Mandelson's to let it be known that he
was in charge of the Government in the
PM's absence. Not only will that irritate
every. Labour. Cabinet minister — all
potiently bis entires. notionally his seniors — it is also constitutionally dubious, given that he is not even a Privy Counsellor. Nor are the

precedents encouraging.
In the early 1980s, there was a promising American, politician called Alexander Haig. Then President Reagan was shot while Vice-President Bush was in mid-air. So Mr Haig announced that he was in charge, this only added to the general confusion. Mr Bush, who had made no announcements, arrived back in Washington and took charge. Suddenly, Mr. Haig looked silly. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Haig was sacked.

r Mandelson is not about to be sacked. But he does not have sacked. But he does not have many friends in the Labour Party, Tony Blair excepted, rice uses too rude, too snubbing, too supercilious.

Now that he is in a little trouble, there Party, Tony Blair excepted. He has been Now that he is in a little trouble, mere will be more laughter than sympathy—especially as the trouble was wholly especially especially especially as the trouble was wholly especially especiall

unnecessary.

Labour failed to win a by election in a formerly safe Tory seat. The party had gambled by sending in Mr. Blair, and the gamble had not come off: so what? the gamble had not come off so whats
Robin Cook's marriage collapsed; there
was the suicide of a Labour MP against
There was no need for the Government to say anything.

But Mr Mandelson is used to operate.

But Mr Mandelson is used to operaring on the basis of instant rebuttal. So the Royal Yacht suddenly became an incomparison of the Royal Yacht suddenly became a issue, as did Chris Pattern's conversa issue, as did Chris Patterns converse tions with Jonathan Dimbleby. The tions with Jonathan Dimineov.

Government is lucky that the Commons

Peter Mandelson has Government is lucky that the commission of the commission has a string. Peter Mandelson has to keep away from the always tried to keep away from the dispatch box, but this time he would have been made to squirm.

Many political regimes have had their Mandelsons. But Napoleon never left

Fouche in charge. Mr Mandelson now seems to be fed up with being the fourth. murderer, always operating in the anonymity of the press gallery or over the phone to Broadcasting House, and he wants. He has earned the reward from Eabour, unfortunately for Labour. he seems to want the reward to be the limelight.
It is a mistake. I first met Peter-

Mandelson when he was a researcher on Brian Walden's Weekend World. He was a good researcher. Any information requested of him arrived on time in beautifully docketed cardboard files, just like the ones he now keeps on Labour MPs. in those days, he seemed to be content with a minor credit. That.

was wise of him.

Mr Blair once speculated as to whether he could ever persuade the Labour Party to love Peter Mandelson. From the very way he asked the ques-tion, the answer was implied most unlikely. If there is no hope impersuadunlikely. If there is no hope inspessuading the Labour Party to take Mr Mandelson to its bosom, shere is even less chance of inducing the British people to do so. But hitherto at least, Mr Mandelson has been able to entort a cowed compliance from Labour MPs, by instituting them as to the consequences if they should withhold it. That would never work with the British electionse.

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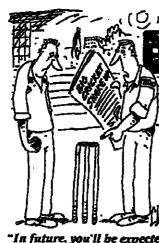


sitting-rooms next month to see how John Carey. 29, performs on the television programme Blind Date. Carey, a schoolteacher in London, is a nephew of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey.

He was reeling around Fulham Road's bars on Saturday night. expansive, grinning and bragging of his selection for the show. He said he was lured into auditioning for the show by his former girlfriend (who also auditioned and will be on the programme in the coming months) and added he hoped the show would provide him with "a few laughs, respect from my mates for getting my face on the telly and hopefully a trip to Morocco".

Yesterday morning the bounce was still there. When the subject of his Uncle George, however, was brought up, he went cold. "No, I didn't have to ask my uncle's permission to go on the show." said Carey. "He's a pretty easygoing kind of guy." Later, he even telephoned back in an unsuccessful attempt to dispute any familial connection to the Archbishop, despite having just spoken of him quite openly.

lia yesterday, preferring to express his disapproval of the Prince of Wales marrying Camilla Parker Bowles rather than of his nephew's decision to appear on a public dating show. Modesty overcame Carey Jnr when we asked for a photograph. He was concerned a picture of him might prejudice the girls he will meet on set.



"In future, you'll be expected to knock these bits of wood over with the ball"



● A worldwide dearth of oldfashioned political dictators is depressing John Simpson, Foreign News Editor of the BBC and outspoken critic of the BBC's Director-General, John Birt. "I adore them [dictators]," he tells the Radio Times this week. The sad thing is they're becoming rarities. You have to visit weird parts of the world now to find them — like Television Centre and Broadcasting House."

New balls

COUNTRY ramblers have succeeded where a full-throated media had failed in forcing Michael Meacher, the Minister for the Environment, to abandon his plans to destroy a copse of trees beside his Gloucestershire home to make way for a tennis court. Meacher withdrew his applica-

tion for planning permission, Cotswold District Council later this month, when he realised that a public footpath would cut directly through the court. "It would be very difficult for Mr Meacher if ramblers kept crossing his court during play, which they would have every right to do," said a spokeswoman at the council. "He has decided to put his case into abeyance."

All change

ADVANCED culflink-fiddling has broken out in the Foriegn Office over the appointment of Sir Robin Renwick as a Labour work-ing peer. During the Eighties, Renwick was one of Margaret Thatcher's top foreign policy advisers.

He was despatched to be Our Man in Washington by John Major. Clipped of voice and smoother than an ambassadorial Rolls, he was seen as the ideal of a High Tory mandarin.

On his return in 1995, however, he surprised many by becoming one of Tony Blair's advisers on European policy. He claimed to like Blair's more Palmerstonian approach to foreign policy. "I admire his leadership qualities as I admired those of Margaret Thatcher," he said yesterday.



Now a director at Flemings, the merchant bank, he says: "I will not be taking a frontbench or foreign policy role. I have full-time business commitments.

All those years as a tongue-bit-ing diplomat will serve him well under new Labour. A spokesman in the Labour Whips' Office in the Lords says: "He will be expected to restrict his criticisms to those expected of a Labour peer."

Quiet affair

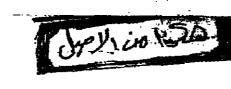
LIFE as the man who lost his wifeto David Mellor, the former Heritage Secretary, was never easy for has regrouped and last Friday he

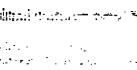


Shipmates: Cobham and his new wife, Dr Lisa Clayton

remarried, this time to Dr Lisa Clayton, 38, who in 1995 became the first woman to sail around the world non-stop and unassisted: Cobham divorced his wife, Pe-

nelope Lady Cobham, on the grounds of adultery after she made off with Mellor. The first he heard of the couple's affair was when Mellor made a public statement about it. Dr Clayton was married briefly when she was 19. As belits the camera-shy vis-count, yesterday's Court and So-cial page in The Times reported that their wedding took place "qui-etly at Hagley Hall", Cobbain's West Midlands seat.





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CHINESE WHISPERS

After a news-spin too far, the public should have the full facts

With great and deliberate assiduousness last the crossfire about possible leaks: but he Sunday, Peter Mandelson farmed a report does not look like the real target. that Chris Patten was suspected of leaking official documents to the journalist Jonathan Dimbleby. The resulting blaze ensured the story equal news billing with Robin Cook's marital troubles and those of the Labour Party in Scotland. First, the BBC was contacted by a "senior Labour source" and asked how it proposed to handle the story. The BBC, properly, pointed out that the Foreign Office had yet to confirm that the former Governor of Hong Kong was under official investigation. An unnamed "source close to senior Government figures" duly obliged and the Minister without Portfolio then personally made a statement on radio, spiced with dramatic reference to "secret intelligence material". Journalists were further briefed that MI6 was involved.

The next day, the Foreign Office - whose responsibility any statement clearly was in the first place - was left to stuff the storm back into a teacup. This was, it said, only an internal inquiry into a leak, Mr Patten did not figure in it and there was no question of the police being involved. Mr Patten himself dismissed the allegation as "totally without foundation", which he believed had "now been conceded". He also voiced his disbelief that party political gain could possibly have motivated such a damaging slur, since that would be to cross the line from spin-

doctoring to "spin-witchdoctoring".

That is precisely the impression left by this particular bit of news manipulation. It has the odour of an alliance of convenience between new Labour and the old China hands who were and are bitterly opposed to Mr Patten's handling of democratic reforms in Hong Kong. For Labour, this story helps to sideline bad news, while taking the shine off Mr Patten, who as a statesman held in high international repute would be a formidable opponent if he returned to the Commons. The former Governor's critics, under fire in the Dimbleby book on Mr Patten's governorship, share an interest in casting doubt on his integrify. Mr Dimbleby is caught in

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The Dimbleby book claims, and Mr Patten is said to believe, that British officials privately colluded with China in the 1980s to back away from the public commitment, made by Lord Howe as Foreign Secretary, to greater democracy in Hong Kong by 1988 time enough for a new electoral system to be well entrenched before the 1997 handover. This is the grave substance - described by Lord Howe as unjust accusations of treachery and foul play — which has given rise to the inquiry into leaked official secrets.

A routine downplaying by the Foreign Office is plainly insufficient. Tony Blair should accept Paddy Ashdown's call for a full inquiry by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee to end the "speculation, innuendo and rumour" that will otherwise continue to damage Mr Patten. The British public should be told whether "intelligence material" was, as Mr Mandelson asserts, unlawfully disclosed, and by whom. The people of both Britain and Hong Kong have the right to know what really took place. The Government owes Mr Patten the opportunity to clear his name; and on the substance, his critics within the Conservative Party and the Foreign Office should also be enabled to disprove if they can the allegations against them in the Dimbleby book.

Nothing but good can now come of disclosure. The Government should undertake not only to release to the committee any evidence of official leaks, but to publish as a Blue Book the full record of Britain's negotiations with China from 1985 to 1988, the period to which these alleged leaks refer.

The previous Government set a precedent in 1990, when it responded to Chinese allegations that Britain had breached a secret agreement on the pace of constitutional reforms by publishing the relevant exchange of letters between Britain and China "to set the record straight". This Government, which is committed to a Freedom of Information Act and has championed that fact, can do no less.

SIMON'S SALE

Poor political management has extended this saga

The announcement by Lord Simon of Highstake in british ret arrangements can be finalised" is to be welcomed. His further statement that he would donate to charity any additional returns that those shares might have made since he became a Minister is an act of some generosity. Lord Simon's personal probity never been brought into question. His efforts to explain himself now are entirely apt if unfortunately somewhat belated.

This matter has acquired momentum more from decisions made by Downing Street than the efforts of John Redwood, Shadow Trade and Industry secretary. Tony Blair clearly wanted to recruit a high-profile businessman to his administration. But that enthusiasm appears to have led to a certain carelessness in the detailed organisation of Lord Simon's arrangements. Over the past three months the internal contradictions in the Government's stand on this subject have been exposed in parliamentary answers.

The argument has persisted because the Government refused to acknowledge that the Minister's continued control of a stake of this size in a company of this character did risk at least the impression of a conflict of interest. Nor would it concede that Lord Simon's quite proper need to absent himself from departmental matters that might affect BP constituted an impediment on his effectiveness, Instead Downing Street decided on an unnecessarily aggressive line of approach on the issue. A week ago Mr Blair told William Hague to "grow up" when he raised this issue with the Prime Minister. It now seems that he or his associates have urged Lord Simon to sell up.

There were reasons related to Lord bury, Minister for European Trade and . Simon's knowledge of BP that could have Competitiveness, that he intends to sell his been cited in his defence. He outlined his dealing legislation - in the columns of this newspaper. This was not an implausible case although it understated the importance of appearances in ministerial matters. Had it been articulated earlier, Lord Simon's concerns would have attracted more sympathy. It only emerged after the Government reluctantly realised that its own prior preaching on proper practice in public life

could not be reconciled with this situation. Lord Simon's statement deals with almost all the issues of importance related to his finances. The small personal holdings in companies such as Grand Metropolitan that he held outside of his blind trust now appear to be in due administrative order. There remains some concern about whether his former position at BP will inhibit his official duties. In his article for The Times Lord Simon noted that his status as an ex-Chairman of that company - regardless of any shares he might possess - would make it improper for him to involve himself in

decisions related to his old employer. If that view were to be followed with too much vigilance then Lord Simon's capacities as a Minister might again be cause for comment. If not he should be able to return to his desk with both honour and effectiveness in appropriate condition. It should not be impossible for businessmen to make the move to Whitehall. The transfer of experience has much to commend it. Lord Simon has foregone a salary of £874,000 to be at Mr Blair and Britain's service. It is to be hoped that he receives rather better advice from the professional politicians in future.

A BETTER GAME

English cricket needs an urgent shake-up

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, English cricket's "doctor", yesterday unveiled his new prescriptions for the diseases that afflict the game. His efforts will not please everyone: some will see them as too radical, while others, ourselves included, will regard them as not radical enough. Yet to criticise him for failing to be a true revolutionary would not only be churlish but also unhelpful.

No one should doubt that Lord Mac-Laurin, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), hopes sincerely to shake up English cricket. He can still do so, in his next round of reforms. By the same token, no one should underestimate the gravity of the problems with which he has had to grapple. English cricket is flabby. It is overweight. It is uncompetitive. It is often dull and jejune, dozy and joyless. There is simply too much of it as well: season after season, men we refer to as "seasoned pros" play a ceaseless stream of county matches. If its Tuesday it must be Weston-super-Mare. Professional cricket has been reduced to just

another day at the "office". We regret that Lord MacLaurin did not opt for a two-tiered County Championship. with competitiveness injected into the jaded matches by the incentive of promotion and the improver of relengtion Det his been assisted an improved beginning in still only

divisions - is at least an improvement on the present position. Our cricketers need to play fewer matches against fewer teams, and the proposed reform will at least make sure of that. Our championships need to be leaner and meaner, with players hungry to perform on the occasions they get to play. This ensures that they are mentally "match fit" at all times, not merely men going through the white-flannelled motions.

It is no accident that the three most competitive Test sides - Australia, the West Indies and Pakistan - emerge from short, sharp domestic seasons. It is no accident either that the least competitive of the major Test-playing countries — England and India - have very long seasons and a plethora of teams competing against each other. Quantity kills aggression. A surfeit kills hunger.

There is no guarantee, of course, that such structural change will make for a winning England side. Success at cricket, as in any other sport, boils down eventually to a question of talent. That is a commodity that even Lord MacLaurin cannot conjure up on our playing fields. What he has begun to do, however, and what he must continue to do, is to search for a structure that does not throttle the talent that we do have. His

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No 10's control of errant ministers

From Mr Joe Haines

Sir. There is nothing new and nothing wrong in Downing Street's control of newspaper and broadcasting interviews. I operated the same system more than 25 years ago with Harold Wilson, and had my Conservative successors done the same they would have avoided many of the banana skins which contributed to their final skid from office.

Wilson's dictum was that editors had a newspaper (or programme) to bring out every night and that he had a government to be elected every five years. Their priorities were not the same. As press secretary to the leader of a relentlessly fissiparous party it made sense to ensure that all members of his Government were singing from the same hymn sheet. That en-tailed a central (Downing Street) over-sight and control where necessary. which was delegated by Wilson to me.

Of course, ministers didn't like it, nor did the press. At Wilson's resignation dinner in Downing Street, Tony Benn gently attacked me for operating the policy. Eric Heffer once threatened to come to Downing Street to demand from the Prime Minister the right to appear in a debate with a Tory MP on the middle classes (!) and only desisted when I told him the policeman at the door would be instructed to refuse him entrance. Another Minister was in tears when he was denied the right to attack a Cabinet colleague (Benn) in a public speech.

Nor were ministers allowed to comment publicly on matters which were the concern of other departments. When Reg Prentice, as Education Secretary, wanted to discuss economic matters on TV with Peter Jay, I said 'No" (Prentice disagreed with the Government's income policy and, in any case, Jay would have wiped the floor with him) and was criticised at the front of the programme for doing

Those decisions were not about open or shut government but about coherent government. I can't imagine an editor allowing his leader-writer publicly to go against his paper's policy and nor should a Prime Minister give that latitude to a colleague.

Yours faithfully. JOE HAINES (Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, 1969-70 and 1974-76; to the Leader of the Opposition, 1970-74), 1 South Frith. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. August 3.

Tory wets

From Sir Julian Critchley

Sir, God save the Tory party from its press and publicity officers. The photograph (later editions, August 5) of William Hague, wearing a baseball cap with his name on it (and the slogan "a fresh future" on the back), and another photograph of him coming down a water chute at Flambards in Cornwall (earlier editions), were un-

dignified in the extreme.
Our new leader, elected by 92 votes, is to face the Tory party at this Octo-ber's party conference in Blackpool. In Cornwall he looked all of 15 years old. Will he be permitted to act his age on Lancashire's big dipper?

Yours etc. JULIAN CRITCHLEY, 19 Broad Street, Ludiow, Shropshire. August 5.

Hand on the tiller

From Mr Barry Ramsay

Sir, I was amused by your lead headline today, "Mandelson accused of fixing news", and look forward to further examples in similar vein: "Doctors accused of treating illness" perhans?

Yours faithfully BARRY RAMSAY, 119 Studland Road, W7. August 5.

Labour and unions

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir, It is an ironic fact that the Labour Party, stemming as it does from the original Labour Representation Committee which obtained the election of Keir Hardie as the first Labour MP, is now nearly a century old.

At that time the trade unions were dissatisfied with the Liberal Party representing the interests of trade unionists. Now the trade unionists are being edged out of the new Labour Party and the Liberals and many business men are being welcomed in. Your editorial of July 31, "Better led

than red", is right to suggest that most voters prefer to have a centre-left party which is as comfortable with business as with organised labour". This centre left is about those people who have achieved a middle-class status under Thatcher and Major. They rarely belong to trade unions and certainly new Labour does not represent the underclass that is getting poorer whilst those centre-left voters are get-

ting richer.

Then who is to represent the interests of the underclass and the edgedout trade unionists?

Yours sincerely. JACK SHAPIRO,

'Duplicity' an issue in government

From Mr I. D. Cleland

Sir, The Foreign Secretary, while he was Shadow, sought to criticise rightly, in my judgment — the pre-vious Administration for its double standards and what he in effect called

its duplicity over a range of issues. In office himself he has — rightly in my judgment - sought to occupy the high moral ground on arms sales, human rights and a whole range of issues. Is he not now fatally flawed in his capacity to take this stance simply because he seems in his private life to have practised duplicity to those near-est and dearest to him (report, August

Is not the real tragedy that we may have to lose the services of an able and gifted man because you cannot separate private and public matters in the way the Prime Minister has tried to do in his expressions of support for his beleagured colleague? Is not the hypocrisy of the use by the Labour Party in Uxbridge of the Parkinson affair now exposed as utter folly as well as hypo-

Yours sincerely, DAVID CLELAND, Celedston, Rhosesmor Road, Halkyn, Holywell, Flintshire.

From Sir Robert Rhodes James

Sir, I cannot help vaguely wondering how our earnest and moralistic press would have treated a Conservative Foreign Secretary who had ditched his wife of 28 years for his secretary, a senior Conservative minister who hung on to shares worth over 52 million, some in a Channel Islands taxavoidance trust, and a Conservative MP perhaps driven to suicide by the

machinations of his colleagues.

Also, how would the media have regarded a Conservative prime minister who, amid this mayhem, went on holiday with his family to a Tuscany mansion owned by a multi-millionaire Conservative MP whom he had just appointed to a senior position in his Government? Just wondering.

ROBERT RHODES JAMES (Conservative MP for Cambridge, 1976-92), The Stone House, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

From Mr Simon Brocklebank-Fowler

Sir. As Foreign Secretary Mr Robin Cook holds one of two Cabinet posts tthe other being that of Defence Secretary) where personal conduct is a legitimate matter for public interest.

When I was inducted as a graduate into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the early 1980s it was made clear to all new entrants that adultery represented a potential security risk as well as being damaging to one's professional credibility, particularly in smaller overseas posts.

My understanding is that, broadly, these views still prevail within the Office.

Would it not have been possible to find for Mr Cook a departmental responsibility where his personal life. however mitigating his circumstances, was less clearly at odds with the operationally necessary mores of the civil servants who answer to him?

Yours faithfully. SIMON BROCKLEBANK-

FOWLER. Travellers Club. 106 Pall Mall, SWI. August 5.

From Mr Derek A. Rose

Sir, I hope that Robin and Margaret Cook will be able to rebuild their lives and will be allowed the privacy to do so. However, are we not witnessing an example of Tony Blair making policy on the hoof, so to speak, with a decision to match the circumstances, not the principle?

Robin Cook came forward to make a bold and brave personal statement only when the game was up. Not so long ago similarly bold and brave men have resigned their office, with general approval; but Tony Blair says that this "truly outstanding" Foreign Secretary should not have to contemplate such action.

It seems that good people no longer need to set high examples compatible with their positions and that anything goes as long as no money changes

We are told that the principle was

that we should have no financial ad-

vantage over our counterparts who remained free — or, as the War Office

put it so considerately, "continued to

fight". How could we gain such an ad-

We are also told that, equally, we

should not be at a disadvantage. All

the evidence shows that we are.
The Ministry of Defence now seeks

to deny us access to the ex-Service-

man's "court of last resort" - an

appeal to Her Majesty the Queen, as

head of the Armed Forces. I wonder

whether the responsible Ministers of

State will have any twinges of con-science when attending the Armistice

Sir, It isn't often I feel ashamed to be

British, but after reading the letter from five brave PoWs I am mortified.

nial of their rights beggars belief in our so-called "fair play". It savours of

when we needed you it was all right

for you to sacrifice your lives; but now

it is all over and a long time has elap-

sed, we can renege on our financial

Postford House, Chilworth, Surrey.

The meanness underlying the de-

services in November?

ALEC INGLE

I am, Sir, your faithfully,

(PoW, Germany, 1943-45),

From Mrs Delsie Myer

4 The Grange, Grange Court, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Sincerely, DEREK A. ROSE, 18 Lodge Court. Aldwick Grange, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

This did not happen.

PoW campaign for financial justice

From Brigadier E. G. B. Davies-Scourfield (retd)

Sir, I would not wish people to think that all ex-PoWs feel as your correspondents in today's Times.

Once captured we were of little further use to our country, and many of us felt grateful (and indeed rather surprised) that we were paid anything at all. After all, our keep (such as it was) was free, and the British Red Cross, thanks to its generous supporters and voluntary workers (most of whom were unpaid), sent us huge numbers of parcels (for which we were not

charged). Many ex-PoWs like myself feel embarrassed by the attempts made by some of our fellow prisoners and some PoW organisations to squeeze more money out of our Government, instead of showing some gratitude for all that was done on our behalf.

Ex-PoWs of the Japanese are, of course, in a different situation.

Yours sincerely, GRIS DAVIES-SCOURFIELD (PoW, Germany, 1940-45), Old Rectory Cottage, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire.

August I. From Group Captain Alec Ingle

Sir, As one involved for the last 17

years in the campaign for financial justice to prisoners of war held in German prison camps, it was my belief that the Germans should have been repaid at the end of hostilities for any payments they made to us whilst we were in their hands, in accordance with the 1929 Geneva Convention.

Norfolk war archive

War. We thought it right to keep this

The "open viewing" referred to by Commander Roger Paine, RN, in his

accompanying letter, refers to what has been our policy since our founda-

tion in 1988. The public can touch and

feel all our heavy exhibits and we have

in the holiday season "live" tank de-

monstrations twice daily, when the

Letters should carry a daytime

telephone number. They may be

public can ride in certain vehicles.

From Mr C. Berry Savory

record in the county.

Yours sincerely,

C. BERRY SAVORY

(Managing partner),

The Muckleburgh Collection,

Weybourne Military Camp,

Weybourne, Holt, Norfolk

Oxford tutorials

From Dr W. J. Blair

commitments".

Yours faithfully,

DELSIE MYER

Sir, In reply to the excellent letter from Sir, Mr Stephen Shute's statement (letter, July 29) that "one-to-one tutori-als are now a rarity" in Oxford is the Director-General of the Imperial War Museum (July 30) in respect of the archives held there, I should wrong, and his speculation about a emphasise that the real purpose of tutorial system that no longer exists" having the RFC Narborough photois bizarre. Teaching in History is almost engraphs here was that Narborough was the largest Royal Flying Corps base in Norfolk in the First World

tirely by single or paired tutorials (with limited use of supplementary classes), and there are no plans to change this. The choice between singles and pairs depends partly on the subject and the stage in the course, but pairing often reflects the tutor's informed view that two students will work well together. College lectureships are enormously competitive, and are held by outstanding young scholars (on the road to established posts) whose teaching is nearly always excellent.

What quality of teaching the State can afford to pay for is a matter for debate. That intensive, personal contact with leading experts gives more scope for students to develop critical and analytical skills than large lectureclasses is surely beyond question.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BLAIR (Fellow and Praelector

Fate of classical music publishers

From Mr Andrew King

Sir, Many of us who work in the music publishing industry will be both amazed and irritated by the letter (July 30) from various parties with an interest in the future of Boosey and

Are they not aware that the "pop" publishers of whom they write so disparagingly have perfectly properly and for many years supported the publishers of "serious music" via a system of cross-subsidy operated by the Performing Rights Society.

Mr Donald Mitchell and his co-sig-natories are so used to being treated as a special case that they have lost touch with the outside world, where, for instance, songs like the Beatles' catalogue (for many an equally important part of musical history) have been bought and sold more often than a washing machine in Arthur Daley's warehouse.

If they consider themselves such proud curators of a cultural treasure trove, why did they not take steps many years ago to protect their copy-rights contractually from treatment of which they did not approve?

Yours faithfully, ANDREW KING (Head of Publishing). Mute Song, 429 Harrow Road, WIO. August 1.

From Lord Menuhin, OM

Sir, The problem of Boosey and Hawkes, which represents a very great British musical tradition, is that we have confused the free market of business with the autonomy of cultures. Without an awareness, a conscience, that we must each and all carry for a common cultural heritage. it is today perfectly conceivable for Boosey and Hawkes to be sold hypothetically speaking — to a Japanese garbage firm for good business

I am convinced that without a respect for, and official representations of, cultural units, we will see this happening more often, to our great mis-fortune and to the misfortune of our cultural life the world over -- particularly in those fields which straddle the cultural and the commercial.

Yours sincerely. YEHUDI MENUHIN, Sym Music Company Limited, PO Box 6160, London SWIW 9XJ.

Low blow

From Colonel Patrick Montgomery

Sir, Mr Chapman Pincher (letter, July 30) evidently bases his assessment of the quality of game birds on the height at which they fly. In the Fifties I was in Portugal and

was invited to shoot partridges on an estate in the Alentejo region. The birds were plentiful in the cork forests where the boughs came down to head

No one could say of these partridges that they lacked the quality either of courage or of tactical skill. Observing the advancing line of guns and waiting till the last moment, each covey would rise and fly at head height straight down the line of guns. Several of the guns lacked experience, so anyone failing to throw himself to the ground was at risk.

Our host had reason to revise the guest list for his next shoot, as a short halt was called for one of us to relieve him, with his penknife, of half a dozen no 6 shot.

Yours sincerely, PATRICK MONTGOMERY, The Oast House Framfield Road. Buxted, East Sussex. August 1.

The Avebury Four

From Mrs Susan Hopton

Sir. Perhaps the four peacocks at Avebury (report, August I) are being ag-gressive and causing so much damage because the National Trust is not feeding them properly.

A friend of mine, who has a beauti-

ful garden, has some peacocks which arrived uninvited a few years ago. They found it so delightful they stayed and have bred. The birds never touch anything in the garden because they are so well fed. However, it is very expensive; my friend tells me it costs ap-proximately E50 every ten days for six neacocks.

They put on a wonderful show in front of the house every evening, which adds great charm to the pro-

Yours sincerely SUSAN HOPTON. Chesham House, 30-31 Chesham Place, SWI. August 4.

Love's labours lost?

From Mr Alastair Aked

Sir. The Government, in launching its "sexual awareness week" (report, August 4), is aiming it at everyone from 16 to 70, which excludes me. Fortunately I have a younger wife, so I will have to listen to her, mutely and happily, all week.

Yours faithfully. alastair aked, 16 Mayfair, 74 West Cliff Road,



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 5: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. CLARENCE HOUSE August 5: Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Birthdays today

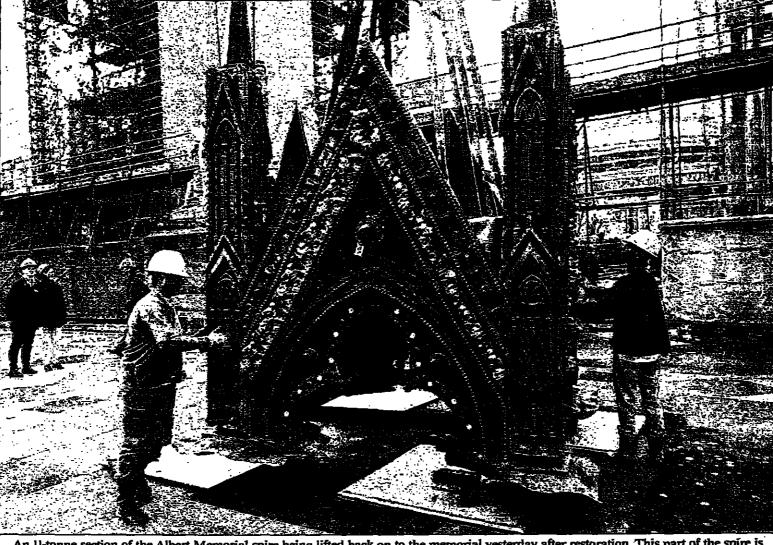
The Countess of Albemarie. 88: Sir Chris Bonington, mountaineer. 63: Mr Billy Boston, rugby league player, 63; Mr Richard Buckle, writer and exhibition designer, 81; Mr Alastair Creamer, Dean, London College of Music and Media, 38; Mr Ron Davies, Secretary of State for Wales. 51: Mr Michael Deeley, film producer, 65; Mr J.H. Emlyn Jones, former president, Al-pine Club. 82: Mr Bill Emmott, Editor, The Economist, 41: Colonel J. Ellis Evans. former Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd, 87; Mr John Evans, Chief Constable. Devon and Cornwall, 54; Mr Frank Finlay, actor, 71; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, 74; Sir Howard Hodgkin, painter, 65; Sir Freddie Laker, creator, Skytrain Air Passenger Service. 75: Mr James Lees-Milne. architectural historian, 89; Sír Donald McCallum, engineer, 75: the Rev Dr Robert McCrea, former MP, 49; Sir David Madel, MP, 59; Mr Dom Mintoff, former Prime Minister of Malta, 81; Mr David O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 41; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, former president. British American Tobacco Company, 93; Mr Jack Parnell, drummer, 74; Judge Valerie Pearlman, 61; Mr Derek Prag, former MEP, 74; Mr John Reid, jockey, 42; Lord Swaythling, 69; the Mar-quess of Tweeddale, 50; the Right Rev Martin Wharton, Bishop-Designate of Newcastle, 68: Miss Barbara Windsor, actress, 60; Mr Charles Wood, writer, 65.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Edgley was christened Molly Bray Sylvia, by the Rev Ian Beskwith at Eaton Hastings Church, on Sunday, August 3, 1997.

Service dinner

222 (Natal) Squadron RAF Mr Joe Crawshaw, Chairman of 222 (Natal) Squadron RAF Associ ation, received members and their ladies at a dinner held last night at the Quality Norfolk Hotel, Birmingham. Among the guests were Air Marshal Sir John Sutton and Air Vice Marshal David



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An 11-tonne section of the Albert Memorial spire being lifted back on to the memorial yesterday after restoration. This part of the spire is three metres high and lavishly decorated with moulded leadwork panels and polished glass jewels. A £14 million restoration programme for the memorial, which stands opposite the Albert Hall, began in 1994 and should be completed in 1999

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, Norwich, 1504; Nicolas Malebranche, philoso-pher, Paris, 1638; François de Salignac de la Mothe-Fénelon, theologian. Périgord, France, 1651; William Hyde Wollaston, physician, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1766; Daniel O'Connell, "the Liberator", Cahirciveen, Co Kerry, 1775; Alfred Tennyson. 1st Baron Tennyson, Poet Laureate 1850-92, Somersby, Lincolnshire, 1809; Rolf Boldrewood (Thomas Alexander Browne), writer, London, 1826; Paul Claudel, poet, dramatist and diplomat, Villeneuve-sur-Fère, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist and discoverer of peni-cillin. Nobel laureate 1945, Darvel, Strathclyde, 1881; William Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, field marshal, Governor-Gen-

DEATHS: St Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order of Friars, Bologna, IZ21; Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, Stratfordupon-Avon, 1623; Ben Jonson. dramatist. London, 1637; Die-Veläzquez, painter, Madrid, 1660; David Allan, painter, Edinburgh, 1796; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, New York, 1964; Fulgencio Batista y

eral of Australia 1953-60, Bris-

Zaldivar, dictator of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Spain. 1973; Giovanni Batista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Castelgandolfo, 1978; Marino

Marini, sculptor, Viareggio, Italy, 1980. The dissolution of the Holy Róman Empire, 1806. The Savoy Hotel, London, opened, 1889.

The electric chair was used for the first time (to execute the murderer William Kemmler in New York), 1890. An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima by the Americans, 1945.

University news

George Webb Medley Prizes 1997. The prize for the best overall performance for the MSc in Economics for Development has been awarded to Ben D. Peletier, Magdalen College.

George Webb Medley Prizes The Prize for the best thesis has been divided between Miss Amy Finkelstein, Magdalen College, and Pietro Stella, Nuffield College. The Prize for the best performance in written papers has been awarded to Miss Amy Finkelstein. Magdalen College. Proxime Accessit: Andrew Sv ing, Nuffield College.

Recorders

The following have been appointed Recorders: Wales and Chester Circuit Mr Nicholas Orton Cooke and Mr Edward Thomas Henry Teague. Northern Circuit

Mr Laurence Frederick Mark Brown. Mr Alan David Conrad, Mr James Ross Duggan, Miss Rowena Margaret Goode, Mr Timothy Victor Holroyde, QC, Mr Andrew Charles Lowcock, Mr Adrian Pirrie Lyon, Mr George Martin Marriott, Mr Andrew Gerald Moran, QC, Mr Graham Eric Morrow, QC, Mr James Kenneth Pickup, Mr Terence Rigby, Miss Maureen Bernadette Roddy. Mr Peter Winston Smith QC, and Miss Barbara Joan Watson.

Midland and Oxford Circuit Mr Robert Michael Challinor, Mr David Eric Griffith-Jones, Mr Simeon Andrew Maskrey, QC. Mr Patrick Gerard McCahill, QC. Mr Christo-pher John Millington, Mr Howard Andrew Clive Morrison, Mr David John Richard son, Miss Sybil Milwyn Thomas and Mr Collingwood Forster James Thompson.

Lincoln's Inn

Mrs Justice Sujata V. Mariohar, of the Supreme Court of India, has become an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Susan Armitage. formerly Assistant Priest. Garsfontein, Corpus Christi (Pretoria, South Africa): to be Assistant Curate, Fawley (Winchester).

Canon Roy Arnold to be Canon Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral. The Rev Richard Avery, Rector, St John the Baptist, Dun-can (British Columbia,

Canada): to be Team Vicar, Cheltenham St Mark with special responsibility for St Silas (Gloucester). The Rev Patricia Wick, Team Vicar. Drypool Team Minis-

try (York) to resign November 16 and join the Church Mission Society to serve as a mission partner in Africa. The Rev David Wilbourne, Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of York and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (York): to be Vicar, Helmsley

(same diocese). The Rev Carol Wodehouse NSM Hambledon Valley Group Ministry (Oxford): to be also Associate Rural Dean of Wycombe (same diocese).

Retirements & resignations The Rev Warren Adamson. Vicar. Potters Green (Coventry) to retire for health reasons September 30. The Rev Nicholas Benson,

Vicar, St Bede, Brandwood (Birmingham) to resign Sep-

tember 30. Canon Susan Cole-King, Priest-in-Charge, Drayton Št Peter (Oxford) to retire July 6. The Rev Leslie Craske, Rector, Guernsey St Saviour and Priest-in-charge Guernsey St Marguerite de la Foret (Win-

chester) retired July 31. The Rev Peter Grigsby, Team Vicar, Brayton Team Ministry (York) with special responsi bility for St Francis of Assisi, Thorpe Willoughby, to retire

September 30. Canon Henry Lunney, Rector. Westerfield and Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to retire November 5.

The Rev James Rooke, Parttime Priest-in-Charge, Bor-rowdale (Carlisle) resigned for health reasons July 27. The Rev James Scott, Team Rector, Kirk Ella Team Ministry (York) to retire October 31.

Canon Peter Whiteside, Team tired June 30. The Rev Marjorie Warnes, Curate, St Mary's Learnington Priors (Coventry) to retire October 31.

Other appointments Captain Alan Lowe has been appointed Lay Trainer in Evangelism, West Bromwich Deanery (Lichfield).

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Gambetta

and Miss C.C. Pepper The engagement is announced between Rick, son of Mr E. Gambetta, of Paris, and the Hon Lady Gore-Booth and stepson of the Hon Sir David Gore-Booth, of London, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pepper, of Herdordshire Kimpton.

Mr W.A. Beveridge and Miss H.J. Golden

The engagement is announced between Alister, only son of Mr and Mrs William Beveridge, of and Mrs winam beerings, and Hellen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edwin Golden, of Wombourne, Staffordshire. Dr T.A. Collyns .:

Dr T.A. Collyns
and Miss K. Friese-Greene Hiller
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, younger son of
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A.J.
Collyns, of Warminster, and
Kirsten, younger daughter of Mr
and Mrs Ian Hiller, of Sheffield. Mr I.G. Goode and Miss N.C. Carstairs

and Miss N.C. Carstairs
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Goode, of Putney. London. and Nichola, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel R.D.N. Carstairs, retd. and Mrs Colonel R.D.N. Carstairs, retd. and Mrs Colonel R.D.N. Carstairs, retd. and Mrs. Carstairs, of Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire.

Mr J.D. Hardwick

and Miss A-M. Walsh The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hardwick, of Kirk Hammerton, North Yorkshire, and Anne-Marie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brendan Walsh, of Forrock, Dublin.

Mr G.A. Higgins and Miss B. Plachetka The engagement is announced between George Anthony, eldest son of the late Bernard Arthur Higgins and of Mrs Higgins, of

The Halesend, Storridge, Worcestershire, and Bernadette Plachetka, of Munich. Mr N.P. Mothersole and Miss A.M. Tooth

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Mothersole, of Leicester and Norway, and Alexa Mary, youngest daughter of Mr Simon Tooth, of London and the late Mrs Meissa Tooth. Mr M. Ward and Miss L Croll

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Ward, of Loughborough, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Croll, of Horsham.

Mr S.D. Wilton and Miss C.J. Ewins

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Wilson, of Cheltenham. and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Ewins, of Ludlow,

Mr J.C.G. Tovey and Miss H.E.D. Burke The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Charles Tovey and of Mrs Tovey, of Bristol, and Helen, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel the Rev and Mrs William Burke, of Castor, Cambridgeshire.

Mr J.A.G. Walduck

and Miss A.J. Haisman-Baker The engagement is announced between Jason, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tom Walduck, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Paul Haisman-Baker, of Hadleigh, Essex.

Mr D.L.C. Wallis and Miss A.C. MacGregor

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wallis, of Cambridge, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr Stuart MacGregor, of Torphins, Aberdeenshire, and of Mrs Andrew Barr-Sim, of Henley-on Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr S.M.C. Wallis and Miss N. Williams the engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wallis, of Cambridge, and Natalie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R Gwyn Williams,

of Dorking, Surrey. Mr A.J.F. Wildman

and Miss C.J. Watson The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr Robert Wildman, of London, and Mrs Diana Wildman, of London, and Caroline, daughter of the Rev Timothy and Mrs Watson, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Mr J.L.C. Winterton and Miss S.R. Stutzm

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Winterton, of Loddiswell, Devon, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Wayne Stutzman, of Julesburg. Colorado, USA.

Marriages

Mr M.M. Hayman and Miss G. Friese Greene Hille The marriage took place on August 5, at Canford Cliffs, Poole, of Mr Michael Hayman, only son of Mr Peter Hayman, of Sheffield, and Mrs Richard-Searle, of California, to Miss Gabrielle Friese-Greene Hiller, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Hiller, of Sheffield. Mr.T. Rintoul

and Miss S.C. Percy The marriage took place on Sat urday, August 2, 1997, at St Salvator's Chapel, St Andrews, of Mr Toby Rintoul, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rintral, to Miss Sally Percy, daughter of Professor and Mrs lan Percy, both of Edinburgh The Very Rev John McIndoo

Latest wills

Lord Croft, of Croft Castle, Northamptonshire, left estate rienetorosnir left estate valued at £2,746,230

He left £1.000 each to Friends of the Herefordshire Museums and Arts. Coft Church Trust, and Lord Coft. Church Trust, 2500 each to St. Michael's Church, Croft, and St. Heonard's Church, Yappue, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Friends of Hereford Cathedral, Leominster Museum, and the Order of St. John; along with paintings and firmiture at Croft Cassie to the National Trust. Kenneth Bailey, of Brackley,

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to come at the appointed time to all the appointed time to allay the divine weath before it crupts in fury, to reconcile father and son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Ecclesiasticus 48: BIRTHS BALL - On June 1st 1997, to Ann Stahl and Dean Ball, of Maidenhead, Serkshire, a DEATHS CAMPBELL - On July 28th at the Portland Hospital to Julia (née Podrasky) and Noel, a son, Alexander William.

DRINGTON - On August 1st to Emma (née Formby) and James, a son, Humphrey

HARMAN - On July 31st at The Portland Hospital to Julia (née Dunn) and Simon, a son, Henry Edward Longton. antes - On 30th July 1997, at St Mary's, Poole, to Claire (née Erswer) and Julian, a daughter, Endly Grace. SUTCHISON - On 31st July 1997, to Selina (née Cocking) and William, a daughter, Seatrice Elizabeth Lucy, a beloved sister for Tabitha.

KIME - On August 3rd at The

ITTLE - On Tuesday July 29th to Mary Ann (nee Donnelly) and Isln, a daughter, Extriona Relen Anne, a

MANDE - On 4th August to Dolly (née Pegna) and Chris, a son, William George. MORTISHED - On August 3rd 1997, to Moira (née Shannon) and Cerl, a son Shannon) n Maz Peter.

NARITA - On Angust 2nd at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Shigeko and Satoru, a beautiful first daughter, her weight at hirth was 3230 grammes. MEDEN - On July 23rd, to Floma (née MacKenzie) and

Andrew, a son, David Frederick 'Freddie'. Psalm 139 : 13-14 PAIRLEY - On 24th July 1997, to Cathioen (née Westaway) and Christopher, a daughter, Grace Lovedny, a sister for james, Clare and Philip.

ROSE - On 27th July to Sarah (née Cusans) and Colin, a beautiful daughter Alexandra Corberine, a sister

YEATS-BROWN - On August 4th 1997 to Joanna (née Edmonds) and Edward, a son. Ralph Edward Noah, a brother for Jennifer and

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ABBEY - Mrs Karen Abbey and family wish to thank all family friends and colleagues for their floral tributes, donations and kind wishes following the death of Michael Abbey.

RARBER - Boy of Bickerton Malpas, on 5th August Dearly loved busband of Joan and father of Susan and Relen. Funeral Service, Bickerton Church 2pm, Monday 11th August Enguides to james Chwiron Tel: 01332 824000.

BIGLEY On August 1st 1997 Derek William C.B.S. J.M.N. of Ticklerton near Church Stretton, Shropshire JAIN. Of THERISTON MEAN Church Stretton, Shoopshire aged 84 years. Passed Controller of Immigration, Malayata, Famena' Service at St Edith's Church, Eatonmear-Heavendon Saturday August 9th at 11am. No flowers by request. Demations if desired for St Edith's Church. Enquiries to AS. Montis & Son, Funeral Directors, Church Stretton, Tel: 01694 722876.

CHOLMELEY - Holen Joyce, MRE, RRC, SEN, SCN on MBE RRC. SEN, SEN on August 2nd peacefully at The Boyal British Legion Dunkirk Memorial House, Bishops Lydeard near Taunton, Sometiset aged 90 years. Dearly loved by all her family and friends. Function Family and friends, Function Transfer 12th August at 11.30am. Family Rowers only place, domatons if desired maybe given to the British Eed Cross. 6c FE Willicombe & Son, 8 High Street, William 1A4 48W.

CHURCHER - Major General
John Bryan Churcher CB DEO
and Bar peacefully at house
on August 2nd aged 91
heloved husband of Pauline
and devoted widow of Rousia.
Loving father to Caroline,
Angela and Bryan and
genediather to Pippa, James,
All, Oliver, Nicola, Latie and
Alexander. Also much loved
and respected by Pauline's
daughters and family.
Military funeral at
Colchester Garrison Chutch
on Townday August 12th at
1400 hours followed by a
private cremation.

private cremation. Domations if desired to the Army Benevolent Fund. All enquiries to Hunnaball. Tel: 01206 760049. naifffffile - Recipald Bar

GHIFFITHS - Reginals Bark BVSc, FECVS on 25th July in Bome aged 76. Dearly loved husband of Cella former Major 2A.V.C. in Suma, Director Animal Production

DEATHS in Sidmouth Hospital, the Revd Basil William Greenup, aged 89 years, (late Conduct of Eton College and Master of the Chair School). Dearly loved husband of Josa and father of Jennifer, Robin (deceased) and Juliet. Funeral Service at Sidmouth Parish Church on Tuesday August 12th at 3 plm. No flowers please but dosations, if desired, to Distressed Gentlefoli's Aid Assn. or B.S.P.C.A. c/o Potbury's Funeral Service, High Street, Sidmouth.

RUSSEY - On the 5th August, 1997 with great courage and dignity, Virginia Lacie, wife of the late Captain Thomas Hassey, RM, CBE, and formerity of the 6th Manquess of Northampton, DSO, Beloved mother of judy, Eliza, Speriny, Willie and Andrew, Fonesal at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon on Thursday, 19th August at 200 o'clock Funfly flowers only pleese.

KENT - Jessie Elimbeth died pencefully at Paignton 20th july after a long lineas. Wid-ow of Pereival Arthur, descreet mother of Michoel, Mureen and Nichola. Devoted grandmother to Emily and Nicholas.

LAVIN - Dr. Noel died suddenly at Guildford on 1st Angust 1997. For funeral details, please telephone Pimms Funeral Survices tel: 01483 567394.

Liffyers - John of Drayton St
Leonard, died pescerally on
August 5th after a typically
conrageous battle against
concer. Beloved humband of
Ruth, loving father of
Rushard, and St. St.
Leonard and St. Catherine,
Drayton St. Leonard,
Oxfordahire on Friday 8th
August at 12 moon. Family
flowers only, Domations if
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Hospica Charity, for Thomas
& Jarvis, Cope View, Castle
Street, Saventon, Abingdon,
Oxfordahire. Tel: 01235 Oxfordshire. Tel: 01235 831395.

beloved husband and father. Enquiries to Wright's

PATTERSON - On August 2nd
1997, peacefully after a long
illness, Angela, aged 65
years. Beloved wife of the
late Gerald Patterson and
drugsher of the lare Mr and
Mrs John Fleming of
fameDmy, Assoc RLP. The
coffin will be received into
St. Joseph's Church,
Bourneemouth Boad,
Branksome, Poole on
Wednesday Angust 13th at
1.45pm for Eaquiem Mass
at 2pm. Committal
following at Boursemouth
Crematorium. Family
flowers only but if desired
donations in her memory for
Macmillan Cancer Trust may
be sent to Deric-Scott,
Portman Lodge Funeral
Home, Bournemouth EH7
dAN.

PEACOCK - Anne Alison. On Angust 1st peacefully at sea sailing house from Norway in celebration of her 70th birthday. Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday Angust 12th at 200pm in 5t Mary & St Thomas a Becket Church, Much Birch, followed by Cremation in Henford. No flowers please. Donations

Cremation in Hereford. No flowers please. Donations between The League of Priemis No 1 Lethury Road, Hereford and the Treloquirus clo of Colin Quiney, Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Monkacor Street. Directors, Monkiscor Street, Hereford HRI 2DX 01432 354445. PHRIEN - Lester Funeral will be held at St. Christopher's Church, Lyford Cay, Nassau, at 10am, on Thursday 7th

PYKE - Brian Raphael.
Peacefully at home on 2nd
August, 1997. A beloved
hashand, father, grandfather,
and great-grandfather.
Funeral Service will be beid
on Friday, 8th August, 1997,
in the Ledy Chappel, Hardford
Cothedral, at 1.00 pm.,
followed by private
cremation. No flowers by
request, but denations if
desired for the British Heart
Foundation may be sent to
Dawe Bros., 115 Westfaling
Street, Hereford. YKE - Brian Raphae

ROUSE JONES - Lewis on lat
Angust, after a short illness.
Much beloved father of
isabel, loving genefiziter of
Amanda, Emily and Daniel.
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inner Temple. Funeral on
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Son, 41 Grove Hill Road,
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Service at 2pm on Friday 8th August at All Saints Church, Durham Boad, East Finchley.

SHEARER - Thomas Albert On 30th july 1977 passessilly in hospital fartified by rites of Holy Mother Church Tom aged 54 years, Dearly loved son of Annie and the late Thomas (R.I.P.). Loved brother of Michael, brother-in-law of Helan and a much loved uncle. Tom will be sadily missed by his family and many friends and collegues at Leicester University. Tom will be received into Christ the King E.C. Church, Walkdan on Thursday August 8th at 12 noon prior to interment at St. Marris Catholic Canestay, Warfley Sat lpm. A Memorial Service will be held for Form at Leicester University in October. No flowers please, all denations to The TAS Memorial Fund clo Carston Maple, Stamford Hall, Stoughton Drive South, Leicester LE2 2ND. Ali enquiries places to Lathiwattes Funeral Service 139 Manchester Road East, Little Hulton, Manchester Tel: 0161 790 2063.

TAIT - Peacefully at 5t John's Hospics, London NWB on 2nd August 1997. Walter retired lecturer of The Hammershith and West London College, Beloved brother of Andrew and Nan. Funeral Service at West London Grenatorium on Friday 8th August 1997 at 2.15pm, All friends and colleagues respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu in favour of St John's Hospics, and all enquiries to A France & Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH Telephone 0171 405 4901.

THOMPSON - David Ross, on 31st July 1997. A weaderful person, an implication to all. Private burial service at 12 moon on Thursday 14th August 1997 followed by Thanksgiving Services for all his friends at 2pm in St Peter and St Paul Church, Appleford, near Abingdon, Flowers or donations to the Bed Cross clo P L Barrett 81 Ock Street, Abingdon, Chun OX14 5AG.

THORNTON-PETT - George Peter, Husband of Alex, Died Angust 3rd, at home in his 78th year, will be greatly

WHARTON - Dorsen Lilian. On Monday Angust 4th 1997 in her 85th year, of Eastbury Manor Nursing Rome, Compton, Guldford, dearly loved wide of Clifford, dearly loved mother of Jame, Sylvia and Elizabeth and grandmother of Gillian, Paul, Amanda, Sophie and Mark. Family cremeter will have taken place. Service of Thanksgiving at 5t. Nicholes Church, Compton on Thursday Angust 14th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations to Q.E.F.D., Leatherhead. Court, Leatherhead. Surrey KT22 OBN. Funeral Directors J Gorringe & Son. Teb 01483 416403.

WHITFIELD - see Winder. WHITHED - see Winder. (nde whiteheld on 3rd August 1997 aged 44, after a long courageous fight against cancer. Loving mother of Victoria and Claire and much loved sister of Deborah. Funeral service at Lamboth Crematorium, Hackshaw Road, SW17 on Priday Sth August at 1100 am Family flowers only, donations it desired to The Trinity Hospies of Edwin Bassett, Funeral Directors, Bassett, Puneral Director 0171 228 0360.

0171 228 G360.

WOODHOUSE - Marjorie (Fegsy). On 5th August pencefully in her sleep at Higher Kelcombe. Dearly loved wife of Jock and mother of Michael and William, Greatly loved by all. Funeral 2.30 pm Monday 11th August at & Andrews Caurch, Binghams Melcombe. Family flowers early. Denations if desired to Macmilliam Kurees. All enquiries through Woods (Dorchester) Ltd. 11A Econ Way, Dorchester DT1 1EW. Tel: 01305 262666. IN MEMORIAM ---

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Isabel Dean, actress, died on July 27 aged 79. She was born on May 26, 1918.

t was fitting that Isabel Dean should die the day before her great friend, Rosalie Crutchley, for in so many ways their careers followed very similar patterns. Where Isabel was strikingly beautiful in a classical vein Rosalie had the dark beauty of the Mediterranean. Both came to the stage almost as a second choice. Rosalie Crutchley had been a pupil at the Royal College of Music, whereas Isabel Dean - who was an extraordinarily talented artist - started out as a student at the Birmingham School of Art. it was only after her art school training that she joined the Cheltenham Repertory Com-pany — and then initially in the humble role of a scenic

Dean, who never considered herself to be a great beauty, could not understand how she graduated to acting though one contemporary in the Cheltenham company recalled that she was so ravishingly goodlooking that everyone employed at the theatre felt it could only be a matter of time before she stood in front of the icotlights.

Repertory at Cheltenham which at least avoided the agonies of the noisy tea mati-ness then practised at Folkestone - made way for seasons at Brighton and Norwich, She was next lucky enough to be summoned to appear in the West End, first at the Vaudeville Theatre as Maggie Buck-ley in Agatha Christie's Peril at End House in 1940, then as Mariana in All's Well That Ends Well. In 1943 at the Phoenix she joined John Gielgud's revival of Congreve's Love for Love, in which she played Jenny. It was here that she first worked with Rosalie Crutchley, who was Angelica

in the same production. After a season at Robert Atkins's Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, where in 1944 she played Rosalind in As You Like It, she rejoined the Gielgud company. The much-praised brilliance and style of as a wilful Hermia in Neville his Love for Love at the Phoe-Coghill's production of A. Mid-

ISABEL DEAN



nix had paved the way for his star-studded season in 1944-45 at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, where the Congreve play was presented again with four other classics. Dean un-derstudied Peggy Ashcroft as Ophelia in Hamlet and was very proud to have played the role on several occasions. (Years later, in 1977, her delight in playing opposite Giel-gud in Julian Mitchell's Half-Life at the Cottesloe — and later the Duke of York's knew no bounds: she seemed

summer Night's Dream 32 years earlier during the Giel-gud Haymarket Season in 1944-45.)

After the Haymarket, Dean joined the Oxford Playhouse Company, for which she played a number of leading roles, having a particular and unexpected success as the working-class Sally in Ronald Gow and Walter Greenwood's Love on the Dole.

After fulfilling other theatrical engagements - some of them in and around London though not often on the West End stage — she first featured on television in 1949, where

was impeccably stylish and professional. She soon realised that to play the parts she covered she had to appear in the major provincial theatres. where she was a tragically moving Hester Collyer in Terence Rattigan's The Deep Blue Sea at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Guildford, in 1971, and again at the Nottingham Playhouse the following year. It was immediately after the Rattigan play at Nottingham that she revealed a delightful sense of comic flair at the same theatre in Joe Orton's What the Butler Saw.

London, even though her work

She created Her Ladyship in the premiere of Ronald Harwood's The Dresser at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, in 1980. Her last appearance on the London stage was at her favourite Theatre Royal, Haymarket land later at the Comedy Theatre), as the tragic mother in Breaking the Code, Hugh Whitemore's play based on the career of Alan Turing, ten years ago. On television her last major performance was in an episode of Inspector Morse in 1988, an opportunity she seized with relish.

Her career then wound down, for she had been far from well for a number of years, but though increasing problems prevented her any longer from tackling theatre and relevision, until comparatively recently she worked in radio (always a favourite medium).

Ill-health also did not deter her from her work as a leading member of the Equity Council. which she undertook for many years. She worked tirelessly for the betterment of actors, and the esteem in which she was held was reflected in the votes she regularly gathered at every election.

Dean was an intensely private person and a perfectionist in every way. Possibly because of these characteristics, she was often misunderstood and she found it very difficult to explain herself, though she

was generally right.
She married in 1953 William Fairchild, the writer, but the marriage was dissolved in the early 1970s. She is survived by her two daughters.

BERNARD WHEELER **ROBINSON**

Bernard Wheeler Robinson, physicist and musician, died on July 7 aged 93. He was born on June & 1904.

FROM the time he founded Music Camp in the 1920s. Bernard Wheeler Robinson occupied a unique position in amateur music-making. The son of a distinguished

theologian, he read physics at Trinity College, Cambridge, after which he researched Xray crystallography at the Royal Institution in London, and lectured at the Military College of Science at Woolwich. During the war he spent three years at the Royal Air-craft Establishment at Farnborough, and from 1948 to his retirement in 1964 he was superintendent of the applied physics division at the National Physical Laboratory.

While at Cambridge he had been active as a violinist and conductor, and in 1927 he and some friends enjoyed a holi-day at Poynders End in Hertfordshire, playing music in the village hall and camping in a field nearby. It was so successful that it became an annual event. There were soon two summer camps each year, at which chorus and orchestra rehearsed, as well as the annual reunion, when a major work was rehearsed over a weekend. In London, Robinson conducted several choirs and orchestras.

In 1935 a permanent home was found for Music Camp at Bothampstead, near Newbury, where the campers came to make music and maintain the property. Formal camps ceased during the war, although there were weekend visits, but the programme was resumed in 1946. The postwar improvement in the standard of amateur music enabled the campers to tackle repertoires which would have been im-

possible in 1927. The rollcall of musicians who cut their teeth with Robinson is long and distinguished. As Colin Davis wrote in 1977, "there are few places where you can, in the course of ten days, sing music by Josquin Desprez, take part in a Strauss tone



poem, grapple with the last act of Meistersinger and at the with the masterpieces of

chamber music". Robinson's view was that those participating should bring their own sleeping facilities, pay their way, and help to run the camp. No one, howev-er eminent, should ever be paid. It was music for the sake of it. The atmosphere and the opportunities to explore the repertoire were sufficient reward. There were, however. some who found the condi-

tions too sparian. When Robinson retired in 1964, he and his second wife Elizabeth bought Pigotts, Eric Gill's old house and fields near High Wycombe. as a home for both themselves and Music Camp. As there was no building big enough for a large orchestra and chorus. Robinson invited campers to subscribe what they would expect to spend on a night out. and with the funds and a deal of voluntary labour he designed and built the barn. which is still in use most weekends during the warmer months, with programmes ranging from children's

events to opera. In 1981, after organising the 100th camp, he retired from active music organisation, but continued to live at Pigotts, to play chamber music and occasionally conduct old friends. still encouraging the true amateur love of music. Pigotts now belongs to Nicholas and Rachel Wheeler Robinson, his son and daughter-in-law, and Music Camp continues to

flourish. In Music Camp, Robinson achieved something that largely eludes today's music organisers: he found a way to foster the talents of good musicians who wish to continue as amateurs throughout their life. A violinist of no mean ability. he was an autocratic but inspiring conductor with an enviable knowledge of his scores. He brought the best out of people, because they wanted to play their best for

He could be ruthless with those he felt did not come up to scratch but he was a true friend to those in need. In An Amateur in Music (1985), he proudly wrote that he thought that Music Camp had "made an appreciable and detectable effect on the general improvement and better standards in amateur music".

Bernard Wheeler Robinson was first married to Alice Dodds, a gifted musician and pianist who died in 1958. Secondly, he married the cel-list Elizabeth Orloff-Davidoff, who died in 1976. He is survived by the son from his first marriage.

ARTHUR JEPSON

and footballer, died on July 17 aged 82. He was bora on July 12, 1915.

ARTHUR JEPSON was one of those rare sportsmen who achieved distinction at both cricket and football. He was a lively last medium bowler for

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er for three clubs and later an umpire for a quarter of a century who officiated in four Test matches. His career in professional sport spanned six

The son of a miner, Arthur Jepson was born in the village of Selston, on the outskirts of

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of his life in the Midlands He joined Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club in 1938 and was awarded his cap the following year. Had it not been for the war, during which he served as a sergeant in the RAF, he would have taken many more than 1,051

Arthur Jepson, cricketer Nottinghamshire, a goalkeep- Nottingham, and spent most first class wickets at an aver- was a colleague - and 58 age of 29.08. He played with three outstanding cricketers at Trent Bridge: Joe Hardstaff, Harold Larwood and Bill Voce.

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she became very well-known,

particularly through The Quatermass Experiment. She

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earlier, playing a minor part in The Man in Grey in 1943,

but her first notable ap-

pearances were in Twenty-

Four Hours in a Woman's Life

(1952). The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan (1953) and Out of

the Clouds (1955). Later film

appearances included A High

Wind in Jamaica (1965) Inad-missible Evidence (1968) and Oh! What a Lovely War (1969).

Sadly, though, she never seemed to get the opportunity to play in the great classics in

times for Lincoln City. He also appeared for Mansfield Town in some matches during the Second World War. He was able to combine careers in the two sports, because in those days the football and cricket seasons did not overlap to the extent that they do today.

Jepson's most successful year as a professional cricketer was in 1947, when he took 115 wickets. He captained Nottinghamshire in 1955 and played, in all, in 390 first class matches. A hard-hitting lowerorder batsman, typical of his day, he played his cricket in an aggressive, sometimes argumentative, Australian-like way. He was only interested in playing to win. Yet he also had a dry sense of humour, which particularly manifested itself when he retired in 1959 and became a first class umpire.

He swiftly established a good rapport with county and Test cricketers, whose company he always enjoyed. Indeed, he liked to mix with all sportsmen, particularly golfers. He would go horse racing and derived much pleasure from his modest betting. As a professional performer himself, he was not averse to giving incoming batsmen the benefit of his wisdom when they came to the crease in a match he was umpiring. He would tell an individual to push forward on a particular pitch and that the bowling was rubbish, only to give him out, with a disconcerting apology. when hit on the front pad.

When Jepson retired from umpiring in 1984, the MCC presented him with a grandfa-



Arthur Jepson coming in to bowl for Notts against Surrey in a match at the Oval

ther clock. He was generous in passing on his knowledge to the next generation of um-pires, who included Ray Ju-lian, Mervyn Kitchen and David Sheppard. He lived with his wife, Florence, at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire and helped his son. name of the man who, he a golf professional, to run an claimed, had given him most

equipment shop. Jepson had received a benefit fund of £2,000 from his county in 1951. a reasonable sum at the time. In 1970, Jepson was given a

suspended jail sentence for theft. He disputed the charges and refused to divulge the by his wife, son and daughter.

of the stolen goods in the Tavern at Lord's. Ronald Poulton, the secretary of Nortinghamshire CCC, told the court that Jepson was "one of the most loyal members the club had ever had and he is held in the deepest respect". Arthur Jepson is survived

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and others that all can avoid. First and foremost. — Keep your heads, Be calm. Go about your ordinary business quietly and soberly. Do not indulge in excitement or foolish demonstrations. Secondly. - Think of others more than you are wont to do. Think of your duty to your neighbour. Think of the common weal. Remember those who are worse off than yourself. Pay punctually what you owe. especially to your poorest creditors, such as washerwomen and charwomen. If you are an employer think of your employed. Give them work and wages as long as you can, and work short time rather than close down.

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As the nation began to accustom itself to wartime. The Times offered admirable sentiments supported by a sample of letters urging more practical measures.

To the Editor of the Times Sir. — When I went to the Army and Navy Stones yesterday I was disgusted to see hundreds of people whom one cannot dignify by calling men and women, laying in tons of provisions. It is a time of war, and we are lighting for our existence as a nation. Surely the Government ought to configurate these provide storms and fine and confiscate these private stores, and fine and imprison the selfish brutes who are hoarding

J C Ker Fox, Brevet Major.

Sir. - Many civilians who are too old to voluntee are asking how by personal service they can help their country. May I suggest that for the next few weeks they could not do a greater service than

help to gather in the crops, which in many parts of the country are heavier than usual. There will be scarcely a rural parish in England which will not have lost some of its harvesters, and every sack of wheat safely gathered in will enable at least two men in the lighting line, whether on sea or land, to be kept there for thirty days. Your obedient servant, Reginald J N Neville.

The Rev. James Redfearn writes from Maindee, Newport, Mon:— "I suggest that the breweries and distilleries be closed down and the grain used for food. It is vastly more important that the millions of our people have cheap bread than

Mrs. Irene Osgood writes from Guilsborough Hall, Northampton:— "I should like it to be known to the military authorities that I am prepared to place my houses and grounds in this district at their disposal for the reception of wounded officers and men. I feel confident that many other owners of country houses will gladly

Mr C.P. Felton, of Paris, and of 4. Beach-mansions, Southsea, points out that it is vital for us to see that the French harvest is reaped. He has written to the French Minister of Agriculture on the subject, and will be glad to receive names and references of 50 men at least 38 years of age, but under 50, who would offer their services should the French Minister of Agriculture require them.

Oasis of calm among the shifting sands

hat did Adam say to Eve as they left the Garden of Eden? "We live in an age of transition." This The major reform will come in the way the useful public platform joke does not explain why some transitions are so much easier than others.

The BBC is in a state of permanent revolution. Those Radio 4 changes? Not dumbing down, but tidier packaging, which will bear watching for the same effect. And Channel 4 is not having a smooth passage from the Michael Grade to the Michael Jackson administration. The time of the "body bags" is said to be over, but as these contain several who gave their hearts and souls to Channel 4, the shock will take time to fade. What's more, Channel 4 needs a replacement for the excellent Sir

Michael Bishop, departing under a political change of climate. The supposedly cutthroat commercial world of ITV seems a haven of peace in comparison. The current holders of franchises are now assured of gliding into the next century with secure tenure and possibly lower rent.

Thanks to the Independent Television Commission, their reg-**BRENDA** ulator, the 14 ITV companies and MADDOX GMTV, which holds the national breakfast slot, will not have to gamble at auction for the right to stay on the

air for another ten years. Instead, they can apply for renewal as much as four years in dvance of their licence's expiry date, 2002. That's like renewing a library book well ahead of time so that you can enjoy it. Of course, there are conditions attached.

The ITV companies must behave themselves. They must keep their programme promises. And they must pay the price that the ITC sets to stay where they are. But the new formula is reasonable, and will eliminate the grotesque variations the 1990 Thatcherite auction produced. Those who desperately overbid to secure their licence now are expected to lead the pack for earlier

In the draft renewal procedures, the ITC has come up with nothing that was not allowed for in the 1990 Broadcasting Act. provisions for quietly modifying the savagery of the auction having been tucked into the small print. Yet the ITC's interpretation of the rules has been imaginative and open. Public comments are invited, submissions will, unless secrecy is requested, be made public and modifications will be incorporated. How very different from the take-it-or-

The striking feature of the view from the top of ITV is that its regulators like what they see. The ITC observes no need for structural alteration either to the shape of the ITV regions or the allocation of broadcasting

ITV companies reimburse the Treasury for the privilege of exploiting a national source, the airwaves. The proposal for reform acknowledges two facts. One is that the anomalies of the 1990 auction were of no service to the viewer. Yorkshire Television bid nearly £38 million a year, while richer Central, so strong it has had no rival bidders, got away with a derisory £2,000 a year. The corollary is that Michael Grade did ITV as well as Channel 4 a favour when he vociferously argued that any money unnecessarily taken out of a television channel could be

better spent on programmes. Recently ITV leaders have been heard arguing for getting "our money back" just as Mr Grade did.

Some of ITV's companies will now see their payments reduced. The ITC itself will set a price for each licence based on its estimate of the current market value. Then it will require an additional extra payment based on a certain share each company's advertising revenue. This second variable will be given more weight than recognition of the fact that filling television air time is a risky

business and likely to become more so. The air of calm and sweet reason at the ITC stems in part from the relative simplicity of its mandate. Prickly questions of schedule and staff morale are the worries of the component companies, not the regulator. But the ITC has also benefited from a smooth transition from one regime to another. Sir Robin Biggam, as chairman and Peter Rodgers, as chief executive, have taken over from Sir George Russell and David Glencross with none of the Year Zero drama that too often accompanies a change of institutional command.

s a result ITV, for all its sliding. ageing audiences, has a clear view of its future. The business of ITV is business, and possibly the new ITC leaders are even more sympathetic to that idea. One sign is big 'un's willingness to think the unthinkable and allow ITV to move the News at Ten. With news bursting out all over television - and movies too - it does seem a bit hard-hearted for the ITC to insist that every weekday's ideal film time on ITV should be broken by a half-hour-worthy

If the News at Ten should shift, can Channel 4's leisurely 7 o'clock news from ITN survive at 50 minutes? With 30 minutes about to become Radio 4's preferred length, the ruminative, essay-filled news bulletin looks like an endangered species.

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advertisers and commercial terrestrial TV channels as the Independent Television Commission considers proposals to increase the amount of advertising allowed on television.

TTC rules permit an average of 72 minutes advertising an hour between 6pm and 11pm and seven minutes for the rest of the day. But the advertising industry wants this gradually increased to nine minutes to bring terrestrial TV into line with satellite and the rest of

The ITC's ruling, due next month, could have a profound effect on the £3 billion-ayear TV advertising market. It has also provoked an intense debate. At the heart of the matter is the issue of spiralling costs on ITV. During the past two years. prices have risen by up to 40 per cent for some audi-

ences. One 30-second advertisement Coronation Street or Inspector Morse now costs up to £120.000.

"The problem is that mass-market brands need ITV. It is still the only way to reach mass audiences. But recently the demand for air time has shot up, while ITV audiences have slumped," says Bernard Balderstone of Procter & Gamble, the UK's largest TV advertiser and one of the leading lights behind the proposals.

The advertisers hope that an increase in the supply of advertising time will drive

prices down. TV stations are shy about stating their position publicly. One would expect ITV to favour the moves. Though it would welcome any extra revenue it is worried that an increase in advertising time would reduce its negotiating power with the advertisers.

his is a nervous time for More significantly, it doesn't want to appear too greedy because the ITV companies have to renegotiate their licence fees with the ITC.

The ITC says viewers' interests will be paramount. Paul Smee of the ITC says: "We will consider not only the effect on advertisers, but also the effects on programming, the financial positions of the stations and most importantly the effect on the viewing public.";

Predictably, the proposals have been criticised by viewers' groups and consumer representatives who say there is too much advertising on tele-

vision already. Benet Middleton, of the Consumers' Association, argues: These proposals offer no benefit to consumers. More or longer breaks would just make time can consumers . worse

Joselyn Hay, the chairman of the lobby group the Voice of the Listener and Viewer.

takes a stronger line. "They will destroy the quality of British television if they are not careful," she says. "Many people will find ads irritating and annoying. They are tolera-ble in limited doses but viewers will not stand for substantial increases in minutage."

The advertisers counter that more ads will lead to more. revenue which should lead to better-quality programming and economic benefits.

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ad Moves to put a gloss on television news

The trend towards a cadre of tele luvvies to present the news is causing resentment, says Michael Gove

ky isn't the only TV glamotic appears to be spread-station with a Premier ing. He diverged the Simple BC screen competions every bit as curethroat as gramping assembler; indeed the football found on satellite analysis, the spread of the reporters and news presenters the rest with a presenter of the rest with the property of the prop in Broadcast News provide the its biggest reports has set stories of greatest interest to catheras wobbling at ITN's

week's Radio Tunes with the staking place but denials have BBC Foreign Affairs, Editor, and ended speculation, John Simpson. The elegant ... The rumons do not imply hero of several Balkan barri- an unconditional surrender to cades takes a sideswipe at colleague Martin Bell and Martyn Lewis, the sunny Tim-Ewart, Caroline Kerr, apostle of the good news Paul Davies to Andrews and its impact on current affairs gospel. His argument, that Colin Baker—are no Tania producers was as profound as news needs neither an in- Bryers. Although they all pos- any mission to explain. gospel His argument that volved approach nor geeing sess screen presence, they
up with happy talk, is are also all accomplished jourimpeccable but the real internalists. The trend, however, to est lies in the glimpse the interview gives into the ego-

jostling of television's finest. Simpson is also honest enough to admit that there is a point to the recently circulated while some are happy to finger BBC memorandum, which the clipboard many of those suggests difficult foreign news is made more accessible if relayed by glamorous pre-senters, whether it's Chris Evans, Ulrika Jonsson or the is another transattantic imnewsroom, swells: The pros-" pect of an elite cadre of teleluvvies chosen on ground of

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the nation's newsrooms.

Oray's lan Read headquarProof, as if it were asseted, ters. The company strenously
comes in an interview in this denies any such exercise is

the stylists' comb. The names mentioned by TIN moles project certain stars can put backs up in egalitarian broadcasting circles. Producing a television news bulletin is a collaborative venture, and while some are happy to finger who itch to appear in front of the camera resent the emer-

gence of a reporting elite. Cyrics believe that the trend port. The influence of the United States on our screens may be most obvious on

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THE GLAMOUR BRIGADE

Friday nights with Friends and Frasier but Jennifer Aniston isn't the only American model to get British executives excited. American newsgathering techniques and presentation innovations are studied as assiduously as any ratings in Television Centre.

One presenter or two? Well, what does CNN do? More carefully crafted packages? Well, they're moving more to live links Stateside, so get the reporter breathless and chatting urgently to the studio. in my own time at the BBC, remember television execu-

tives breathless and urgeni after seeing the American documentary magazine 60 Minutes anxions to emplate its immediacy and authority. any mission to explain.

oves to establish more cadres of star correspondems may be an example of native wisdom but the practice has been around in the US for years. To be fair, some of CNN's stars, such as Peter Amett, have not built their careers on skilful use of the powder puff.

increasingly, star correspondents are less eye-wit-nesses and more distant voices. Lowly reporters and researchers are dispatched as "legmen" to conduct inter-



John Simpson says news needs neither an "involved" approach nor geeing-up with happy talk

views and collect pictures that Broadcasting's greats were figwill form the spine of a report narrated by a correspondent who may not have strayed much beyond the cuttings library and the editing suite.

The trend is anatherna to men such as Bell and Michael Nicholson. They may have their eccentricities, driving some colleagues to muttered criticism, but none of their peers would deny their reporting is authoritative and bespoke. They have operated in the best traditions of their craft, relying on the footage they secured and their presence at the scene to give the

newer the big picture. They are, however, increasingly seen as yesterday's heroes. Executives do not want to risk their stars straying too far from their contractual commitments or the studio. Reporters at the BBC used regularly to grumble about the dominance on the Nine O'Clock News of star names such as the former Social Affairs Editor Polly Toynbee, when broadcasts had grown out of the work of others. For some, the practice of allowing bigger beasts to elbow juniors out of the way blunted the incentive to produce original journalism. Why dig so hard then the treasure would rest in another's hands?

And, usually, well-mani-cured hands at that. Although the ITN famous five, unlike their TV-am forerunners, have a sound track record in the newsgathering front line there is a growing perception that fortune favours the babe.

of the reporting and analysis has been held to be sufficient ures who wore authority, rather than Armani, lightly. John to hold the viewer without the need for star-making. Report-Cole, Peter Snow and Alistair Burnet had personalities formed in the field and faces ers such as Elinor Goodman, Mark Mardell and Evan Dathat showed it. The promivies command an audience nence now given to presenters such as Channel 5's Kirsty with the natural authority of experts whose reports bear Young and some of ITN's Boys their distinctive signature. Own heroes irks more grizzled They do not need to rely on either "projection" from executives or cannibalising the work

t would be wrong to suggest that the Atlantic of others to excel. Discerning viewers have tide of froth will sweep come to trust reporters who over all the familiar conrely on contacts and rigour for tours of quality broadcasting. their prominence rather than Both Channel 4 News and their place in an executive Newsnight give prominence to strategy. Picking winners is as reporters on the basis of hard likely to fail in broadcasting as journalistic ability, develop it has done in every other their own young talent and industry. The stories, and the give them a chance to shine. In viewers, should be the judge both programmes, the quality

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

R4 runs with Black?

FEMALE knees are weakening at Broadcasting House over rumours that the handsome athlete Roger Black is about to become the new voice of sport on Radio 4. Executives are said to be courting the 400m hero to present a regular slot on the new Friday-night programme that will replace port on 4, axed last week. So far, the BBC refuses to confirm the rumours, but female staff are said to be thinking of organising a campaign. An insider says: We are living in hope, great

Tinky tale

THE much-publicised departure of Tinky Winky from the hallucinatory world of The Teletubbies was not as unexpected as it may have seemed. In the new BBC magazine, Teletubbies, Tinky Winky is suspiciously absent from a picture line-up. Scandalously, his place is taken by a big brown bear. BBC insiders say the magazine was being printed weeks before it was revealed that Dave Thompion, the actor inside the



Tinky Winky and Po

However a BBC spokesman denied victimisation of Tinky Winky. To suggest a conspiracy is ridiculous," he

Shake it up JOURNALISTS at The

Guardian, where the laidback pace of life and complicated union agreements belong to an age long forgotten in the rest of Fleet Street. could be in for a few shocks. Bob Gavron, the millionaire printing businessman who became chairman of the newspaper in January, has got his feet under the table and has been telling



Black: sports voice?

friends what he thinks of the place. "It's great," he says. "But I would like to see it become a bit more commercial. The only thing is that there isn't a single accountant on the board. It would be nice to have someone who could count." The newsroom's sandal-wearers are said to be thinking of clubbing together for an abacus.

Too Frank

PITY Frank Johnson, Editor of The Spectator, who apparently lacks the courage to print the articles he commissions. Last week. Johnson invited Alan Rusbridger, The Guardian's Editor, to write a reply to the Spectator columnist Paul ohnson, who has tirelessly berated him in the magazine for his role in the Aitken case. On reading the copy which included references to Johnson's wife, Marigold the Editor decided it was too cruel for his magazine. Rusbridger, now preparing to join Cabinet members in Tuscany for the summer holidays, is unimpressed. A Farringdon Road voice says: "He thinks it's rather pathetic of Frank."

Kirsty Young, Chris Evans and Ulrika Jonsson - making news more accessible?

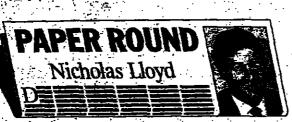
Spin doctors in overdose

t a dinner party in the mid-1980s with news A mid-1980s with news-paper editors and political insiders, I discussed how a famous Tory bigwig might tell the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of the forthcoming expose of his alleged relationship with a woman other than his wife.

Despite a great deal of muth and some wit, no guest came up with a sensible solution to this daunting task, but I was reminded of that evening when I read the astonishing story of Robin Cook's secret affair with Gaynor Regan, his Commons

Admittedly, Tony Blair is nowhere near as terrifying as Mrs T, but one can't help wondering exactly how Mr Cook broached the subject when he telephoned the PM on the first day of his three-week summer holiday in Tuscany. For as Mr Blair unpacked his swimming togs in the sumptuous borrowed with villa he must have felt things were going remarkably well Yes, there was the surpris-ing by election loss in Ux-bridge and a bumpy Question Time about Lord Simon of Highbury's shares. But there was a great deal to celebrate

in an impressive 100 days of These happy musings, however, were rudely destroyed by the ringing of the scrambled hotline with Mr Cook, the man who introduced ethical considerations into the Foreign Office mission statement. telling the PM what the News Robin and Margaret can be of the World was about to tell left to rebuild their lives.



everybody else. As Harold MacMillan pointed out nearly 30 years ago: "Events, dear boy, events," cause, governments the most trouble.

Yet some of the handling of this tricky personal scandal Sunday Times was briefed underlines how much new that Chris Pattern, the former Labour has learnt about deal Governor of Hong Kong and ing with the media from the possible future Tory leader, mistakes of the last Government

There was no humiliating hide and seek routine with journalists as there was with Tory Minister Tim Yeo. No family man stunts, as David Mellor.

Mr Cook was too far wheeled out to make a personal statement for the Saturday evening television newscasts before the News of the World exclusive was on

Secondly, Downing Street instantly issued a statement both humane and worldly. In an ideal world, said the statement, all marriages would be lasting but the troth was "these situations do arise and the Prime Minister hopes

But then Labour's enthusiasm for spin doctoring went too far. The Sunday newspa-pers were fed details about a new plan to save the Royal Yacht Britannia and The

could be presecuted for allegedly leaking classified Blackening documents about a secret deal with Patten to China over Hong

get Cook off Kong's future. Sunday morning Peter page one Mandelson, Minister without Portwas going folio, gave the story a boost by saying in a much-

flagged appearance on the BBC's World This Weekend that a Government investigation would take place. The Tories cried foul, and

by Tuesday the conduct of

Labour's spin doctors had become a front page story in its own right. "Blackening someone like Chris Patten by virtually suggesting that somehow he has come the subject of embar-betrayed the national interest, rassing front page stories. in order to get Cook's little Brian local difficulty off the BBC holiday.

News, is going too far," political editor told me. The current Patten smear row apart, most lobby correspondents have so far grudg-ingly admired Labour's ability to control the information available to the press. But this has made ministers

anything except the Government's agreed line, making the lobby correspondent's job much more difficult. "Not many Labour people are prepared to have lunch," I

and MPs reluctant to utter

was told, "Certain trusted new Labour chaps like Stephen Byers and Geoff Hoon are used to put across the message Blair wants, but most fear they'll get the chop if they say something out of turn. "There's a definite policy of

It will be fascinating to see if Downing Street can continne to keep the lid on Labour MPs who become disgruntled when leaky ministers are

fighting for limited spending

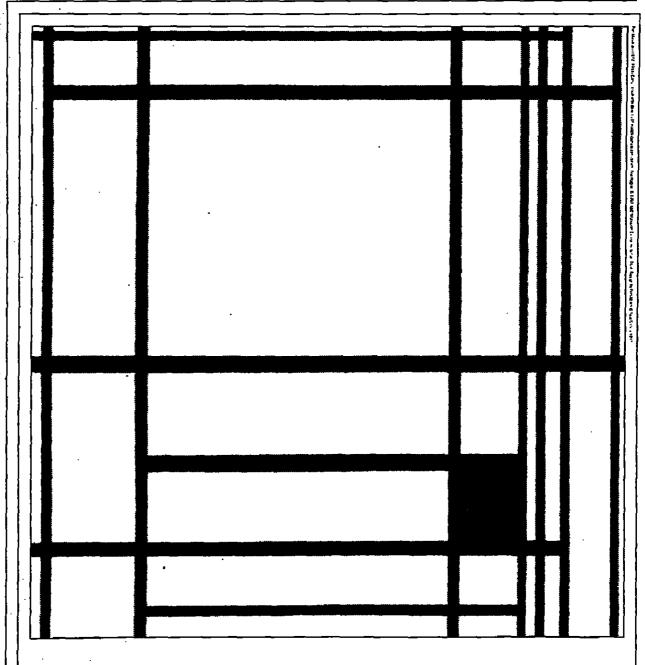
resources or, worse, some are

minimising contact with the

embittered by sacking. Meanwhile, Mr Mandelson and Downing Street have ruefully learnt that while you can fool some of the press some of the time, you can't fool all of the press all of the time. They stand accused of going over the top to have the

Good spin doctors should be heard but not seen. And they certainly should not be-Brian MacArthur is on

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He said publication of the oil company's second-quarter results meant he would no longer be breaking insider-trading laws if he sold the 270,000 shares. The move by the minister. who gave up a £240,000 salary as chairman of BP to work unpaid for the Government, was part of a Labour damagelimitation exercise... ..Page 1

Carey warns of royal marriage crisis

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said the Prince of Wales would plunge the Church of England into crisis if he remarried

Guam air crash

A Korean Air Boeing 747 jet with 231 people aboard crashed on approach to the American Pacific protectorate of Guam. Early unconfirmed reports said there were ...Page l 29 survivors ...

Students lose places

More than 50,000 applicants are likely to miss out on a university place this summer as thousands who planned to take a gap year after A-levels seek a university place to avoid losing up to £6.000 under plans to charge for tuition and end grants...

Support for Prince

The Prince of Wales has the overwhelming backing of the country's "opinion formers", who believe he should be able to mar-

Killer jailed

An alcoholic was jailed for life for beating a boy aged four to death with a hammer, James Reid, 59, blamed his dogs for smearing him with blood... BBC 'fluff'

The BBC appears to have fulfilled

an edict to popularise serious programmes with "fluffy" presenters.... . Page 4

Cyprus troop ban

Hundreds of British troops were banned from the Cypriot resort of Avia Nana after four soldiers appeared in court accused of as- station Mir, hours after its oxy-

The fairway sex

Forty nine per cent of male golfers would prefer to play against women more often, according to a survey. But a die-hard group of nine per cent thought women and golf were incompatible Page 5

Crushing taxes

Car tax dodgers received a warning when a white Ford Sierra was fed into a crushing machine to publicise the fate in store for some cars whose owners evade a total of £175 million ...

Glue deaths

Deaths among teenagers from glue-sniffing and other solvent abuse have increased for the first time in a decadePage 8

America 'at war'

A man accused of being behind the New York World Trade Centre bombing in 1993, in which six people died, said he wanted to "kill thousands" and let Americans know "they were at war", a State prosecutor said Page 9

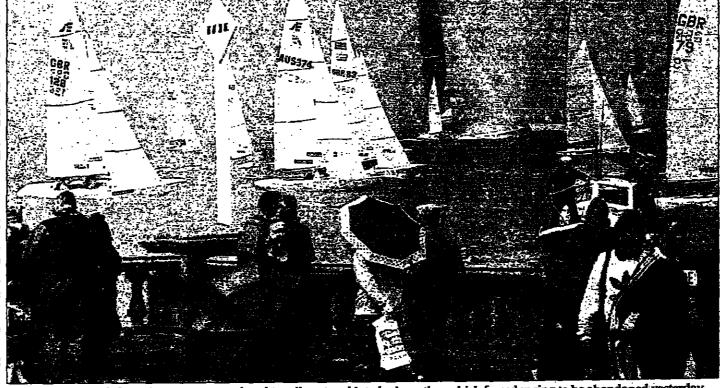
Southern victory Students returning to the Univer-

sity of Mississippi will find they have won their battle to preserve the image of "Ole Miss" as a fortress of the Old South Page 10 Mir blast-off

Russia's future in space is in the hands of two veteran cosmonauts who blasted off to repair the space saulting holidaymakers.... Page 5 gen generators failed.......Page 11

Furtive smokers are put out

Companies, particularly in the City of London, are cracking down on workers driven outside by office smoking bans, and are stopping them from using entrance steps or even car parks. Some employees have been sacked for smoking on the doorstep. In America, President Clinton is to sign a decree banning people from smoking near federal buildings.. Page



Spectators watch from Cowes as assorted yachts sail past and into bad weather which forced racing to be abandoned yesterday

BUSINESS

Scrutiny rejected: The Government's proposals for constant scrutiny of how companies are run in Britain were rejected by Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of a committee of industrialists ...

GEC changes: George Simpson. the GEC managing director, signailed further corporate changes for the industrial group with the appointment of the Zeneca finance director to the board Page 23

BP shares: Plans for a share buyback announced by BP sent shares up 402 p to 8622 p . Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 64.9 points to close at 4960.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 105.3 to 105.7 after a fall from \$1.6306 to \$1.6268 but a rise from DM3.0394 to DM3.0564 ... Page 26

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Cricket: The strategic plan for the English game proposes a reformed county championship, building to play-offs, smaller county staffs and streamlined one-dav . Pages 40, 44 structure

Athletics: Steve Backley finished second in the javelin at the world championship in Athens, but Britain's finalists finished out of the medals in the 400 metres. Page 44 Rugby union: Tony Hallett con-

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Football: The England coach, Glenn Hoddle, views the absence of Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler from forthcoming World Cup matches as windows of opportunity for ... Page 38 others.

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Special reductions: From Friday the Reduced Shakespeare Company will have three shows running in the West End Page 14 Zuin Macbeth: The Globe resounds to African singing and dancing this week as Umabatha transposes Macbeth to 19th-centu-

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ry Zululand in an exhilarating

Rising star: Joseph Phibbs has been composing since he was ten. Now, at 23, his songs and music adorn the New Shakespeare Company's open-air production of Watership Down...

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Burt Reynolds, left, and Rowan Atkinson as the bumbling eponymous Mr Bean.

■ INTERVIEW Noreen Taylor talks to the potter Heather McCartney, the uaugnter Paul accopiec

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High street switch: Ren Pearce and Andrew Fionda set out to design expensive clothes for an exclusive clientele. Now, says Grace Bradberry, they are to design a collection for Deben-hams Page 12 Five go mad: This Life and Friends have suddenly made Bridget Harrison part of a new phenomenon. Five girls in their twenties, living together in a chaotic terraced house

Relax: Branda Maddox explains why ITV channels can relax about franchise renewal Page 20 Uniovely: Michael Gove explains why the trend to a cadre of teleluvvies to present the news is caus-

ing resentment.

in, er. Shepherds Bush Page 13

Outlook sunny: It is probably the

world's biggest solar-heated office block, and it is being built not in Africa or Australia, but in the North of England, Eve-Ann Pren-

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Preview: How 39 members of a religious cult committed mass suicide. Inside Story (BBCI, 10om). Review: Matthew Bond on a familiar Gulag story Pages 46, 47

OPINION.

Chinese whispers

The British public should be told whether "intelligence material" was, as Mr Mandelson asserts: unlawfully disclosed, and by whom. The people of Britain and Hong Kong have the right to know

Simon's sale

A week ago Mr Blair told William Hague to "grow up" when he raised this issue with the Prime Minister. It now seems that he or his associates have urged Lord Simon to sell up....

A better game

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, English cricket's "doctor", yesterday unveiled his new prescriptions for the diseases that afflict the

SIMON JENKINS

The Edinburgh Festival is merely a set of arts events staged in Scot land. The National Eisteddfod is a competitive olympiad dedicated to literature and song in one cultural tradition.....

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Thirty times a day for the past 40 years. I have run the risk of those humiliating blows to amour propre that only the serious smoker. experiences... ...Page 16 SIMON BARNES

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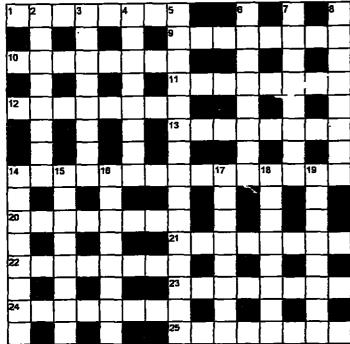
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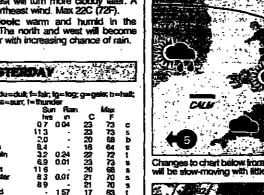
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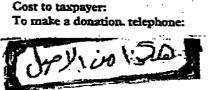
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NatWest chiefs hit at 'fevered' speculation



Derek Wanless, left, with Lord Alexander yesterday

ment's proposed standing

panel on governance. The

interim report of the Hampel

rules on corporate governance

as well as the principles of the

stakeholder democracy es-

poused by Tony Blair. The report was attacked by profes-

sional bodies, shareholder

groups and trade unions as a

Labour has said it will

consider a proposal for a standing examination panel

into the way companies are

run in the UK. While minis-

ters will not make any early

move on the issue, they are hoping Sir Ronald will change

his stance before publication

of the final report this year.

The Department of Trade and

Industry said last night that it

hoped publication of the inter-

im Hampel report would stim-ulate a "lively" debate on

corporate governance issues.

The dispute will bring fur-

ther discomfort to Lord Simon

of Highbury, the minster at-

tacked for not selling shares in

BP, where he was chairman,

Hampel committee.

as he is a member of the

missed opportunity.

By ROBERT MILLER BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATWEST Group's most semor executives have launched a bid to keep their jobs and to prove the troubled bank has an independent future as it produced a disappointing set of half-year results.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, which announced a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £775 million. efore a £106 million charge relating to tax changes in the Budget, said speculation about the bank's future had been overblown and fevered.

He also defended his record at the bank and that of Derek Wanless, chief executive. Lord

tion where necessary, including the problems of a limping Australian subsidiary, difficulties with its business in Spain, and a "bankrupt" US

Lord Alexander, who said

improving returns to shareholders was a key priority, added: "There have been tough, clear decisions." Mr Wanless said that NatWest, which lifted its interim dividend 10.4 per cent to 10.6p, payable on October 8,

had a strong independent

future. Earnings per share

were 28.5p, compared with a

first-half loss last year of 6.3p, where the figures were distorted by writeoffs. The main drag on progress

(NWM), its troubled investment banking arm. Profits from NWM in the six months to June 30, fell by £161 million to £58 million. The cost of the mispricing of interest rate options, revealed in February, is entered in the NWM accounts at £85 million, General dealing profits at NWM fell to £265 million, compared with

£307 million previously. The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the City watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, is investigating the NWM options losses and it is likely that disciplinary action may be taken against the bank for a failure of management controls.

The star performer in the

retail canking operation. which more than doubled its pre-tax profits to £453 million from £222 million last time.

Staff numbers fell by 2,700 at NatWest UK, which is on target to reduce its branch network to 1.750. Income from cand services rose 18 per cent to 528 million and insurance services saw income grow £6 million to 260 million. The NatWest mortgage book grew

10 per cent to £13.8 billion. Elsewhere in the group. Lombard increased profits by 55 million to \$110 million and the Ulster Bank group, which is still keen to buy TSB Ireland, contributed £70 million, an increase of £4 million.

million to £51 million although provisions for bad and doubt ful debts jumped to £23 million, from 13 million, after a "one-off" £13 million writedown arising from "an incident" with a customer in

America that it refused to

explain further. NatWest Wealth Manage ment, which includes Gartmore, the fund manager acquired last year and whose chief executive, Paul Myners. was appointed to the main NatWest board yesterday, saw profits rise to £67 million from

52 million. NatWest shares lost 35p on the day to close at 835p.

BP rise fuels buyback plan

By OLIVER AUGUST

PLANS to buy back shares. from time to time were yesterday announced by BP after record interim profits of £1.5 billion, ap from £1.2 billion.

The oil group will start by buying back shares worth £330 million to exand its employee shareoption scheme during the next few months. BP said it preferred a buyback to: issuing new shares.

buybacks has not yet been fixed, according to the company, which wants to wait for the Government to announce its changes to rules on dividend tax credits in March. Shareholders will be asked to approve the buyback plan at the annual meeting next April. John Browne, chief executive, dismissed accusa-

tions that the buyback showed a lack of ideas for what to do with the growing profits. He said BP had several options for continued growth al-though a substantial UK acquisition was not one of them. He stressed that capital expenditure was up. 10 per cent in dollar terms

so far this year. so far this year.

BP shares closed 40-p higher at 862-, half a penny under its recording of 863p last Tuesday. The interim dividend was 10.75p (9.25p). Earnings per share stood at 20.5p: (23.8p)because of excep-

tional items.

BP said the results were: fuelled by higher down-stream and chemicals earnings, with volume increases in all areas and further cost savings. Its 1997 goal of improving underlying performance by £200 million was said to have been achieved already. Simon sells shares, page 1

Hampel report attacked as 'missed opportunity'





Sir Ronald Hampel, who headed the inquiry, did not see the need for a permanent panel on governance

though, once responses have been received, Hampel will draw all three together into a single document aimed at improving companies' corporate governance. Sir Ronald said his inquiry might suggest that the Stock Exchange should take responsibility for issuing the compiled report.

Beckett blocks LCI bid for casino rival

Launching the inquiry's report. Sir Ronald said: "We do Sir Ronald insisted his innot see the need for a permaquiry had not diluted the nent panel." While corporate recommendations of the previous reports of the Cadbury or governance issues needed to Greenbury committees. Their be examined from time to codes and other regulations time, a permanent panel would address itself to "every were supported by the new smail pimple" in business. inquiry, but the inquiry doubt-Following the Cadbury and ed whether the idea of a uniform code-based approach Greenbury reports on corporate governance, he hoped that the Hampel report would could be applied to other

companies and their boards. Publication of the interim report drew strong responses. Brendan Barber, deputy general secretary of the TUC. said it was a "wasted opportunity, which leaves key issues unre-solved. The weakness and narrow focus" of the inquiry's report showed that the volun-

called on the Government to act to tackle short-termism in The Institute of Chartered Accountants was concerned about the idea that there was no need for rules on the length of service of directors or whether the role of chairman

they need to be backed up with a fairly robust code," said Andrew Carey of the ICA's corporate governance group. "We agree there should not be a rule book, but it should not

be a do-it-yourself manual."

John Kay, director of London Economics and a strong proponent of the stakeholder democracy, said the Hampel committee had mistary approach to governance had reached its limit, and he understood the duties of directors of a company. "They have failed to adress the real problem that there is no real accountability of management, Company annual meetings are like East European elections before the Berlin Wall came down."

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aspects of corporate goverance and chief executive should be be the last for some time beyond the accountability of split. "Principles are fine but Analysts tipping Ladbroke to make offer for Capital Corporation



LADBROKE Group was being tipped tast night to launch a bid for Capital Corporation after Margaret Beckett,

the rival casino operator from renewing its £190 million bid for Capital. Mrs Beckett's shock decision sent-Capital's shares 19p lower, to 165p, but analysis expect the shares to bounce back today in anticipation of a bid from Ladbroke. Ladbroke are definitely interested provided the price is right," one analyst said. "If they could get it for

President of the Board of Trade.

stopped London Clubs International,

£2 a share they'd be happy."

1CI's hostile bid for Capital was halted in February when the deal wasreferred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Yesterday Mrs Beckett decided to block any bid from LCI - Mrs Beckett. "The merger would leave Hearn: shock decision hits Capital MMC and Office of Fair Trading that

By DOMINIC WALSH

it would operate against the public interest. LCl has seven casinos in London while Capital, whose chief executive is Alan Hearn, operates Crockfords and the Colony Club.

Mrs Beckett rejected LCI's argument that the international nature of gambling meant the main competition to London's upmarket casinos came from overseas establishments. She argued that even if LCI had agreed to divest one of its own casinos customer choice would have been reduced.

The MMC found that the relevant market for the purposes of the merger comprised the ten most upmarket casinos in London. If the merger went ahead, LCI would have a share of around 80 per cent of this market," said customers with inadequate protection against the considerable scope given to

LCI to reduce the quality of services and raise charges.

Alan Goodenough, chief executive of LCI, said the decision displayed "a woeful lack of understanding" of the casino business and the tight regulatory control exerted by the Gaming Board. To suggest this would have given LCI control of charges is a madness," he added. LCI's shares fell from 4022p to 3862p, a clear sign the City was expecting clearance. One analyst said: "It's utterly illogical . . . It has to be politically driven."

Capital Corp, which has spent £4 million defending itself against LCI, is now expected to take up an option to purchase a third London casino, the Cromwell Mint, for up to £25 million.

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Commentary, page 25 Zeneca's finance

director

joins GEC By Oliver August

GEORGE SIMPSON, the GEC managing director, yes-terday signalled further corporate changes for the industrial group with the appointment of John Mayo as finance director.

Mr Mayo, currently the Zeneca finance director, will start at GEC on October 1. He will be succeeded by Jonathan Symonds who is currently chairman of KPMG's global pharmaceutical group. He has been working with Zeneca for the past five years.

Mr Simpson said: "John has one of this country's best finance directors. His experience with Warburg and ICI, where he advised upon the corporate restructuring of the company, is highly relevant to the challenges and opportunities now facing GEC."

The appointment of Mr Mayo, 41, is the latest move by Mr Simpson to restructure the group after the departure of his predecessor. Lord Weinstock David Newlands, the finance director, resigned on Budget day. Last month, Mr Simpson

raised the prospect of a £4 billion flotation of GEC-Alsthom, its rail and power

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Mark under pressure

THE mark fell further against sterling and the dollar as the Bundesbank failed to open the door for higher mark interest rates. Sterling ended nearly two plennigs higher at DM3.0564 in London, sending

its index up from 105.3 to 105.7. In New York, the dollar surged from DM1.8663 overnight to above DM1.88. Some German analysts have identified a rate of DM1.90 as the point the Bundesbank

would need to act. . Otmar Issing, Bundesbank chief economist, admitted to a Gefman magazine that the mark was second only to money supply in interest rate policy. He said: "It's not the level, but the rapid decline in the value of the mark that is a cause for concern."

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Property firm slips after red warning

By DOMINIC WALSH

SHARES in Chesterton International, the troubled property consultant and estate agent, dived 2312 p to 33½p as the company admitted full-year results would be substantially below expectations and could dip into the red. A

final dividend is unlikely. Michael Holmes, who became chief executive in April, said that figures for the year ended June 30 would be affected by disappointing final-quarter off costs and the adoption of more prudent account-ing policies. Write-downs of £2.2 million were flagged at the half-year to cover redundancy pay-ments aborted acquisition expenses and a review of

accounting policies. His predecessor. Giles Ballantine, left last September after the discovery of a £1.4 million black hole resulting from serious accounting errors. The write-off contributed to a collapse in pre-tax profits last year from £5.3 millon £2.4 million. Mr Holmes said that a review of the company's businesses had found no further black holes, although he had decided to change accounting policies to bring Chesterton into line with competitors

Fewer than 100 of the close on 2.000-strong staff are likely to be made redundant, but there could be further board cuts, from 13 to 9, he said. An important element of the review had been to free up senior fee-earners who had become bogged down in administration.

Mr Holmes added: "It's about time we started delivering some predictability to shareholders." The business fundamentals were sound and he was confident of its prospects.

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Industrial output rebounds more sharply than expected

jumped 1.4 per cent in June. rebounding more sharply than expected as cold, wet weather boosted demand for gas and electricity. In May, output fell 1.1 per cent.

Manufacturing output also recovered more modestly, growing 0.4 per cent in June after a l.l per cent fall in May. Over the second quarter as a whole, government figures and survey evidence from the CBI. the London Chamber of

Commerce and the Chartered

Institute of Purchasing and

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the

aerospace to medical supplies

company, has agreed a £136

million bid for Graseby, its

smaller rival, in a deal de-

signed to create the world's

largest mobile drug pump

The two companies, each

market leaders in take-home

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share cash offer, a 41 per cent

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Graseby makes three models of the pumps, which it is

rrying to sell in the US, and

Smiths makes one version, which it is attempting to dis-

tribute in Graseby's dominant

area of Europe and the Far

Smiths said it would also supply Graseby with the dis-

posable plastic bags used to

store the drugs, adding another million units a year to

The two companies also in-

tend to mount a joint bid for the

\$400 million JCAD toxic chemi-

closing price of 1492 p.

company.

Smiths agrees

£136m bid for

rival Graseby

By Fraser Nelson

INDUSTRIAL production Supply confirm that economic growth is still heavily slewed. Services continue to boom, but manufacturing is stagnating as the surge in sterling hits export prospects.

The Bank of England's monetary policy committee. which starts its monthly meeting today, will again be faced with a dilemma. Deals on Liffe project that base rates will rise by at least a quarter point to 7 per cent to curb buoyant consumer spending. Rates are projected to reach 74 per cent by end-September.

cals detector contract due to be

issued by the US armed forces next year after merging their

Graseby already has a \$77

million chemical agent detec-

tor contract, but had little

chance of winning the larger

deal without the big US presence that Smiths will bring.

Smiths said: "We are a first-

tier defence company in the

US. The manufacturers are

reluctant to give away con-

tracts to small companies

which they do not work with already. Graseby's merger with us will give it instant credibility and let it go a lot

Smiths said that the acquisi-

tion should enhance earnings

in the first full year after it shuts Graseby's £2 million-a-

year head office. Some analysts said the deal will prob-

ably lift earnings by the end of

Smiths shares rose 9p to

8042p. Graseby shares leapt

the current financial year.

58p to a high of 2074 p.

defence divisions.

Manufacturing output, how-ever, was still 0.1 per cent falling in five of the 11 regions. Wales is the worst hit. Apart from the North, all recorded lower in the second quarter of 1997 than in the first quarter. Industrial production, which

includes oil and gas, mining and the utilities, rose only 0.4 per cent. Compared with the same period last year, manufacturing was up 1.6 per cent and production 1.3 per cent.
The CBI's regional industrial trends survey found falling export orders hitting manufac-

turers all round Britain. While

domestic orders are good, ster-

ling has left total orders flat or

sharp falls in export prospects. Regions with big foreign investments from companies such as Nissan in the North, Toyota in the East Midlands, and US electronics groups in

hard by sterling's strength.

Neil Blake, of Business

Strategies, which does the survey with the CBI, said such -companies took a longer term view and protected expensive investments from short-term

Scotland are being hit less

exchange-rate variations. A survey from the London Chamber of Commerce found that while most companies were growing, only 10 per cent reported higher exports, the

least for four years.
At end July, the CIPS purchasing managers' survey for services showed continuing boom. Its activity index stood at 62.1: anything above 50 indicates expansion. Even here, there were intial signs that sterling is affecting service exports. The index was down from 62.9 in June.

Delay plea over gas

market risk

PRESSURE is growing for the gas regulator to delay the next phase of domestic competition amid growing industry un-ease and after a warning from Transco, BG's pipeline network, of inherent risk.

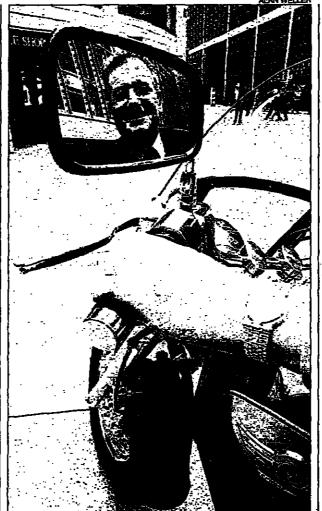
Transco has to implement competition by November 1-for two-and-a-half million homes in Scotland and northeast England, and made its

fears known to Ofgas.
In a letter, Phil Nolan, managing director of Transco. said: "The solution we have offered to the industry is not without risk and, critically, relies on full industry support to be effective.

Customers could find it difficult to switch supplier and could receive incorrect

Rivals to BG are also urging Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, to slow the process. Calortex, Scottish-Power and Amerada Hess have called for a delay. But Ofgas said: "We believe that level of risk is manageable." □ Transco has outsourced its. elecoms network to ICL in a £160 million deal.

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On the road: Paul Dixon, chief executive of Dixon Motors, which is buying Carnell Motor for £13.4 million and raising £17.6 million via a rights issue

Henlys sells motor division for £56m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HENLYS, the vehicle component and assembly group, is selling its motor division for £56.6 million as part of a plan to make acquisitions for its

The deal will leave Henlys with an estimated surplus of net cash of about £28 million, which the board intends to use on overseas acquisitions for

the bus and coach division. The motor division, which Henlys believes would require further investment, includes 32 dealerships covering most of the big car manufacturers. It is been formed for the deal by Legal and General Ventures. The deal, because of its size,

requires approval from Henlys shareholders. The shares rose 25p to 44lp after the announcement. The purchaser will be allowed to use the Henlys name for motor vehicle distribution, in return for a royalty, but will not be allowed to use it as part of a company name.

The sale price includes the repayment of £5.6 million of debt and represents a premium of £6.6 million to net

BT in talks: over job cuts

BT meets union leaders today over plans to cut up to 5,000 jobs by next April. The meeting comes ahead of a strike next Tuesday by BT engineers in London over the use of

contract workers. The Communications Workers Union has complained about a lack of consultation over the reductions and also the increasing use of contractors for work previous-ly done by BT staff.

BT said it had consulted the CWU over the cuts, which

BTR to pay \$60m for Limitorque

BTR, the industrial group, is to buy Limitorque from American Manufacturing Corporation for \$60 million (£37 million). BTR said Limitorque, which has annual sales of \$76 million, will join BTR's Process Control division and become part of the valve business: BTR said: There are good growth opportunities for this business as the demand for actuated valves is expected to continue to increase in the future as customers seek to reduce operating costs, raise productivity

and increase safety."

lan Strachan, BTR's chief executive, said: "The acquisition is the latest in a number of strategic purchases made to extend our product offering and geographic range in areas where we expect to see high growth."

Rentals slow Viacom

VIACOM, the entertainment company, said it lost \$217 million in the second quarter, equal to 66 cents a share, haristrung by a \$323 million pre-tax charge in its poorperforming Blockbuster video rental business. Excluding this, the loss was about \$14 million, or eight cents, compared with a position \$26 million, a wear and or three compared with a profit of \$26 million a year ago, or three cents a share. Viacom's revenues in the latest quarter rose to \$3.03 billion from \$2.79 billion.

Harwich port sold

STENA LINE yesterday revealed that it had sold the Harwich International port in Essex for £72 million to a group of institutions led by HSBC Private Equity. Stena said the sale means the company will be able to strengthen its financial position after last year's heavy loss. Harwich will continue to be managed by Michael Connellan, but as an independent company. It will focus on improving portservices and developing its customer base.

Benfield makes £268,200

PENELOPE BENFIELD, the wife of James Benfield, a director of Marks & Spencer, has made the most of a surge in the company's share price in recent months by selling 45,000 shares in the company at a near-record high of 596p each, making a total of £268,200. Her husband is director of children's wear, home furnishings and direct mail. The total holding of the Benfield family now stands at 13,738 shares, the company said.

BBA buys brake firm

BBA, the engineering group, is to buy Becorit, the German brakes company, for £27.9 million in cash out of its existing resources. The deal takes BBA into the rail market and brings in technology to which it did not previously have access. BBA shares rose 9p to 357p. The deal is subject to adjustment based on actual net operating assets at completion. In 1996, Becorit made pre-tax profits of £4.8 million. Net assets to be acquired are valued at £4 million.

T&N adds £18m to fund

T&N, the vehicle components group lighting off claims for asbestos related disease, yesterday raised £18 million by selling its Tenmat engineering materials operations to its management. T&N will put the proceeds into the fund set up to cope with asbestos claims. After the deal goes through the fund will stand at £66 million, against a target of £323 million set for 1999. T&N shares rose lp to 142½p. In the year to December 31. Tenmat achieved pre-tax profits of £3.2 million.

TV transmission deal

BRITISH Digital Broadcasting, which is due to launch 15 digital television channels next year, has awarded a £200 million contract to transmit its services to Castle Transmis-sion International, the company that bought the BBC's transmission business. Castle Transmission has a ten-year contract to broadcast the BBC's analogue TV services and its digital radio services. BDB is a joint venture between Granada and Carlton, the two largest ITV groups.

Greenalls hotel disposal

GREENALLS GROUP, the pub and hotel operator, has sold the 190-bedroom De Vere Hotel in Coventry to Britannia Hotels for about £6 million. The four-star hotel was one of four non-core hotels put up for sale through Knight Frank earlier this year with a combined price of about £25 million. A sale of the other three to a single buyer is thought to be imminent. Greenalls says the four do not fit the 20-strong De Vere group's profile of lour-star hotels with leisure facilities.

Bakyrchik shifts to AIM

BAKYRCHIK GOLD, the mining company that is being forced to give up its full stock market listing, intends to switch to the Alternative Investment Market Bakyrchik's move is necessary because it is surrendering control of the Kazakhstan gold mine that is its main asset as part of a financial rescue agreed with Indochina Goldfields, its largest shareholder. The company intends to issue details of the refinancing plans before the end of August.

Bowthorpe expansion

BOWTHORPE, the electronic equipment group, said it was in talks to buy an unnamed British telecoms and aerospace company for about £15 million. In a short Stock Exchange statement Bowthorpe said it signed a non-binding letter of intent for the acquisition that would fit within its network systems group. The group added that the transaction is subject to satisfactory due diligence. Its shares rose 1 p to 315p.

TOURIST RATES

Windfall tax provision wipes out BAA profits

By Sarah Cunningham

THE windfall tax has almost wiped out first-quarter profits at BAA, the airports operator. The company has set aside E102 million for the tax, which will be paid in two tranches in December this year and next

It initially estimated that the tax would cost it between £70 million and £100 million and said vesterday that the exact level still has to be agreed with the Inland Revenue.

charge leaves BAA with just

pared with £98 million the previous year. Excluding the exceptional charge, pre-tax profit in the three months to June 30 was

4.5 per cent higher at £136 The number of passengers through its airports, which include Heathrow, Gatwick, Edinburgh and Glasgow, was

It described the provision as This figure, which was highenough to cover the "worst-

BAA's shares to add 20p to

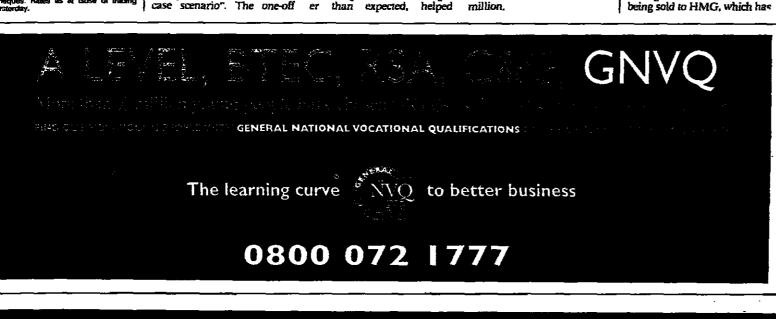
This quarter is the first to

up 7.8 per cent to 26.5 million during the three months.

£3 million post-tax profit com-580½p.

reflect the effects of the new regulatory formula on airport charges. The changes resulted in the charges at London airports being £2.5 million lower than they would have been before the change. The results also reflect the loss of revenue from airside cleaning and catering licences.

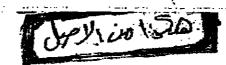
These factors were offset by a rise in retailing revenue from £150 million to £161



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by should we be sur-prised that the Hampel committee has pedalled, so softly on hard and fast rules for how companies should be have? After all poining a bunch of industrialists in charge of policing how companies should be run is like asking the Arsenal manager to chair the disciplinary hearings into the behaviour of

Is it any concidence that Lord Simon of Highbury, an Arsenal fan himself, should sit en the Hampel committee? The report goes on about companies decid-ing what is appropriate and notbeing answerable to anyone but shareholders. Lord Simon decided it was appropriate not to put his BP shares in a blind trust until he found that, as a minster, he was actually answerable to public opinion. Yesterday he said he would be selling his BP shares — more that six months ahead of

police themselves. It is not in their interests to have strong non-executive directors, it is not in their interest to have demanding performance criteria and it is not in the interests of a domineering chairman and chief executive to split the roles. Only by telling managers how to hehave and chastising them when they fail to

Hampel opportunity for harm

live up to those standards can they be made to follow the principles of "best practice" set out in Cadbury and Greenbury. But this is not how Sir Ronnie Hangel and his colleagues see it. Their two main themes are that hard and fast rules are not the way forward and that the only duties companies have is to their

shareholders.

The first has its merits: nobody thinks the principle of
ticking boxes is the way to
regulate corporate governance.
A company saying: Look we've
split the roles, we have a majority of non-executives on the board, we rotate directors more that six months ahead of every three years, we are perwise the had previously thought feet may be anything but, it might be appropriate.

There may be good reasons to the fine last five years of debating the thorny issue of corporate them the managements of they breach those guidelines. And companies cannot be allowed to rather than say: "It is appropriate themselves it is not in private for us to do things they

priate for us to do things they way we want to do them."

Which neatly leads into the second issue. Hampel and Co say that directors of companies only have duties to their shareholders. So much for Tony Blain's stakeholder society. But this legalistic definition of direc-tors responsibilities ignores the **COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

fact that institutional shareholders were not particularly good at policing companies before they had the guidelines in Cadbury and Greenbury.
Unless Sir Ronald is willing to

harden his stance towards prescribing what companies should and should not do, the result of this committee's work will be to put back the debate on corporate governance. Then Government might feel inclined to prescribe on the subject.

NatWest in need of a break

aving delivered their un-exciting figures, the best thing that Lord Alexan-der and Derek Wanless can now do is head off on their holidays, making sure to leave the mobile telephones behind. While there is always the possibility of a chance poolside encounter with a fellow financial services big wig, the

chances are that this way, they corporate deal but a hostile might avoid embarking on any

more ill-fated courtships.

The lurch from Abbey National to Prudential as a potential partner has damaged NatWest's credibility rather more than the discovery of a loss, now totting up to £85 million, in NatWest

The bank is not a basket case and there were some bright spots in its half-year figures. But it has given the impression of having lost its way. Investor confidence in the top team has been severely dented and it will not be easy to rebuild. Any dalliance with another suitor would further damage an image bordering on the carelessly promiscuous. Yesterday Lord Alexander and

Mr Wanless indicated that they intended to avoid any more dangerous liaisons, a stance which was as much responsible for the tumble in the share price as the profit news. Speculators would have liked to see a

takeover of the bank is hardly likely. With accounting rules indicating that goodwill alone would add £7 billion to the price, a bidder would have to believe that NatWest was worth around

But if it is eventually to approach a new partner from a position of strength, there are extensive problems that NatWest must address. It has already moved to sort out the structure of NatWest Markets, although whether the group has a kingterm future in investment banking remains unclear. Yet, although the profits from Nat-West UK ostensibly more than doubled, helped by an absence of last year's restructuring costs, in some of its traditional markets. the bank appears to be losing market share. And for Coutts to lose £13 million to a single client is

more than unfortunate. What the bank needs now is a period of calm unblemished by

such costly mishaps. And another bank to take on the role of sector whipping boy. It was not so long ago that Midland was seen as the dog of the clearing bankers. Then Barclays found itself being criticised for its investment in BZW. Martin Tayfor cleverly deflected that criticism, but that does not mean that BZW's problems have vanished.

Mrs B overplays her hand

The international high rollers who make up the clientele of London's top casinos may be cheered to know that the President of the Board of Trade has their best interests at beart but the City has reason to be perturbed by her decision to veto London Clubs' bid for Capital Corporation. Mrs Beckett could claim that

she was merely following the Monopolies Commission advice, but she has it in her powers to choose not to follow that advice and would have been well advised to do so. The two companies are players in one of the truly global markets, so their share of London casino business is irrelevant. Customers jet in

from far flung spots, often opting to chance their luck in private rooms where the scale of their wagers will remain a secret known to only a handful of people. There have surely been occasions when Middle Eastern princelings or Antipodean polo stars have little idea of which country they are in as they risk fortunes on the spin of a wheel. Gamblers anonymous may believe these poor souls are in need of protection, but it is hardly up to Mrs Beckett to provide it.

But Mrs B. too, is betraying early signs of addiction. Without help, her interventionist tendencies could become a real problem. She was persuaded not to persist with her aim of insisting that all mergers should have to be justified on grounds of public interest, but she does appear to cling to the view that takeovers are distasteful.

Paired

GEORGE SIMPSON must be jolly glad to have found a high him out at GEC. After all, having taken on the role of working peer to help out the Government. Mr Simpson will have to fit in running Britain's industrial giant with the Lords voting timetable. At least, for the time being, he and his chairman can share a car to Westminster, even if they go into opposite lobbies to cast their votes.

Controversy deepens over syndicate

CONTROVERSY at Lloyd's of : for 1993 had not been closed London over the loss-making properly. But John Coldman, Syndicate 657 deepened yesterday as a second investment trust announced impaired results. Meanwhile, Archer, the managing agency behind the syndicate, hit back at critics.

managing agency behind the issue of negligence. Investors syndicate, but back at critics. Who had bought in 1994 had been mis sold, he said.

Trust, the corporate vehicle set In a statement to The Times, up by the late Matthew Harsolding, said the performance of investing the Archer Group, the HCG, which it acquired for managing agent behind the 179 million last September, had been held back by a £25 million investment the trust years have been unfortunate had increased met asset value. had increased net asset value per share by 20 per cent.

of Thor Underwriting Agencies, the Syndicate 657 lost millions from 1993 to 1995 in the professional indemnity market. These losses are the subject of an inquiry by Lloyd's regulatory division after a complaint on Monday by New London Capital, which has lost £6.5 million, that the syndicate's account

BRÎT chairman, yesterday claimed the account remained open. One analyst said Archer issue of negligence. Investors

and well publicised. He said it was solely VLC's decision to Underwritten by David invest heavily in the syndicate Lowe, now managing director and rejected any possibility of of Thor Underwriting Agen-compensation for the trust. A made to all names, which NLC had rejected, he said. Thor denied Mr Lowe had a record of losses at the syndi-

> Excess Insurance where he previously worked. Beazley Group, one of four investors behind Thor, has pulled its support.

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Raid raises prospect of Jardine bid

By Jon Ashworth

LI KA-SHING, the Hong Kong property tycon, has covertly swooped on Jardine Matheson Holdings and one of its main subsidiaries, raising the prospect of a takeover bid for the trading group.

Hutchison Whampoa Holdings and Chestos Koras Kotal

ings and Cheung Kong (Holdings), companies controlled by Mr Li, bought a combined 3.03 per cent stake in Jardine Matheson on August 1, according to filings to the Stock Exchange of Singapore. On the same day, the companies took a 3.06 per cent stake in Hong-kong Land, the Jardine subsidiary with extensive holdings in the former British colony.

Mr Li tried to buy Hongkong Land in 1988. Jardine group shares have languished since secondary trading was moved from Hong Kong to Singapore two years ago, and are seen as cheap. The group is trading at an estimated 15 per cent discount to net asset value

Analysis said a bid was possible, but the move might just be part of a trading play.

Hedging avoids loss at Ashanti

SUCCESSFUL hedging has enabled Ashanti Goldfields, the Ghanaian mining company in which Lomrho holds a 33 per cent stake, to limit damage from a weak gold price.

Ashanti yesterday reported a fall in first-half pre-tax profits from \$39 million (£23.9 million) to \$24.1 million, with the second-quarter contribution tumbling from \$13.5 million to \$7.9 million. However, the commany would have

the company would have made a loss without the \$60.5 million earned in the half from forward sales of gold and other hedging techniques. It achieved an average gold selling price of \$450 an ounce,

more than \$100 above the average spot price this year. Production problems left output from Obusai, the company's main mine, slightly short of target at 417,000 ounces, but Ashanti said it expects to meet this year's over-all target of L1 million ounces. Eighty per cent of next year's output is hedged, at \$428 an

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Willis Corroon and Abbey launch adviser

National are joining forces to create the UK's second-largest independent financial adviser

(Gavin Lumsden writes). Abbey National Indepen-ent Financial Advisers (ANIFA) and Willis Corroon Financial Planning will merge by the end of the year to form Willis National, which will start with about 200 consult-

WILLIS CORROON, the in-surance broker, and Abbey on advising private investors, and WCFP has aimed solely at the corporate market.
Willis Corroon, which will

hold 51 per cent of the new venture, announced half-year pre-tax profits of \$60.2 million. down by £8 million, blaming the strong pound and tough competition in North America. Earnings per share fell from 10.7p to 8.6p after a decision to liquidate Sovereign, the ants. Both sides said that there will be no job losses because the businesses are complementary. ANIFA has focused inquitate Sovereign, the underwriting subsidiary, raised the tax charge by £2.7 million. A 1.65p third interim dividend is due on October 1.



to fall very quickly.



Focus on US roadshow for Unilever strategy

ing American investors in New York last night, hoping to attract fresh support for the shares which have been reaching new highs on the back of recent trading news.

The Anglo-Dutch food and household products group finished the day lp lighter at £18.3712. just below its all-time high. Brokers say the company is likely to have a positive message for American institutions at the presentation, arranged by Goldman Sachs. If that is the case, then the shares could well go better again in London this morning.

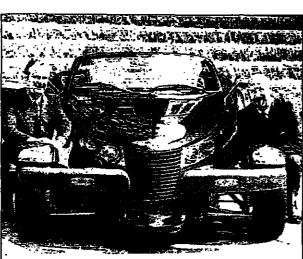
The Americans will no doubt want to know what Unilever intends to do with the £5 billion raised from the sale of its speciality chemicals business to ICI, up 8p at £10.28,

earlier this summer. Some City speculators are suggesting it may bid for Reckitt & Colman. which includes Disprin and Lemsip. Some of the recent takeover froth in Reckitt boiled over yesterday as the price touched 47112p, before settling 4p lower at 981 2p. Part of the fall is said to reflect a decision by SBC Warburg, the broker, to reduce its recommendation for the shares from "buy" to "neutral".

The rest of the equity market began nudging towards its all-time high as investors continued to support selective blue chips. The FTSE 100 index shrugged off the effects of an opening fall on Wall Street to close at its best of the day with a rise of 64.9 at 4,960.6. That compares with the closing high of 4,964.2 reached on July 16. Helped by a sizeable program trade, total turnover reached 945 million

Leading the market higher was BP, up 39¹2p at 861¹2p, after a bumper set of results that exceeded market expectations. The group also wants shareholder permission to buy back its own shares.

Other oils went better. Burmah Castrol rose 24p to £10.6712, and Shell 1312p to 458p. Attempts to repair some of the damage created this year at NatWest Group fell on deaf ears, with the price dropping 35p to 835p. Despite a strong sur in ore-car profits and the promise of increased shareholder value, brokers were unimpressed. payouts in the past few days

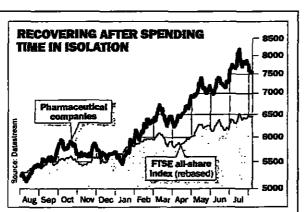


David Donnelly, finance director, left, and John Simpson, of Mayflower, 312p higher on strong first-half results

from rivals HSBC. 13p better at £22.51, and Lloyds TSB, 2812p dearer at 75812p. The group's underlying performance was said to static and a question-mark remains over the management's ability to put things right.

Elsewhere in the banking sector, selective support lifted Abbey National 19p to 85312p. Royal Bank of Scotland 912p to 65012p, and Bank of Scotland 1112p to 44112p.

Cadbury Schweppes rose 10¹2p to 595¹2p ahead of halfyear figures due out later today. American investors have been big buyers of the stock in recent months, having noticed the lower rating compared with that of Unilever and other food companies. Lord Harris of Peckham has



GAINS among the big drug companies helped to drag the rest of the equity market higher, with Glaxo Wellcome rising 2412 p to £13.2512. SmithKline Beecham 192p to Ell.87, and Zeneca 39p to £20.412.

It was suggested that overnight demand for the shares in New York, where they are traded in the form of American depository receipts (ADRs), was responactivity in London. Many US fund managers take the London not to be fooled. "I wouldn't read too much into all this. What we are seeing are thin volumes. US drug stocks closed mixed and Zeneca even ended lower in the ADRs."

cautions investors in

He says the big drugs companies are enjoying a rally after seeing investors switch in the past few weeks into cyclical stocks such as engineering and ish of the issues driving the But Frazer Hall, of BZW, drugs companies"

dug into his deep pockets forked out £780,000 with purchase of 15,000 shares 520p in Carpetright. It ta his total holding up to la million shares, or 15.4 cent. The shares respons with a rise of lop to 53612p

Former high-flyer Jarvis another 4p to 232p and r stands way below its peal 314120 earlier this year.

A near 60 per cent jumi first-half profits to £16.1 lion from Mayflower rewarded with a rise of 312 158p. The group, headed John Simpson, chief execut makes parts for a range cars. It said the strong pou had only a minimal impact on results despite earning around 40 per cent of operating profits in the US. The group has also begun working for British Aerospace on the Nimrod and Eurofighter projects.

A profits warning left Chesterton International nursing a fall of 2312p at 3312p. The property consultant says fullyear profits will fall substantially below expectations. Trading in the final quarter had been disappointing and there was little likelihood of the final dividend being paid.

ABI Leisure was also left nursing a loss of 18p at 60p after saying that the strong pound would make a dent in the current year. The caravan manufacturer said profits would come in below expectations of £5.4 million.

Britton Group, which rocked the City with a profits warning last month, perked up with a rise of 3p to 60p.

GILT-EDGED: Brokers reported a sell-off of longer dated issues around lunchtime, reflecting weakness among other European bond markets. Once again investors were reluctant to commit themselves ahead of today's meeting of the Bank of Eng-land independent economic policy committee.

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BP gushes out its cash

MUCH TO the delight of Lord Simon's favourite charities, shares in his former

company powered on to a new record

yesterday — maximising their windfall from his generous settlement of the political row over his £2 million holding in BP. The oil group deserved to continue the strong record that Lord Simon began because of the skill it

demonstrated in overcoming several factors

that held back the business. Output has been

increased more than could be expected and

This is reflected in BP's return on capital.

which stands head and shoulders above its

competitors at 18 per cent, up from 14.5 per

cent in 1996. Shell, for example, only makes

12.5 per cent. While nothing can protect BP

Smiths Inds

SMITHS INDUSTRIES:

acquisition of Graseby seems one of those deals that

was screaming out to be done, and its completion will

The 211p price is one

Graseby's shareholders have never seen in the company's

16 years on the market. It

represents 17.4 times this

year's earnings, an excellent

exit given Graseby's

chequered past. Graseby has often seemed

a well-managed company.

but its niche businesses have

regularly proved themselves

unable to withstand the pres-

sure from cuts in health and defence spending, and de-

lays in environmental legis-

lation. Smiths should be able

to provide the muscle to

make these businesses work,

to justify the price. Smiths wrings 24 per cent margins

deliver instant rewards.

costs have been brought down speedily.

Smiths will also gain by eliminating Graseby's £2 million of bead office costs. by bolstering its limited presence in the US and by tackling its reliance on thirdparty distributors. The two

is small fry for Smiths and concerns about the soaring pound keep its shares within cent that Graseby the 830p glass ceiling they have bounced back from five times in the past 12 months aiready.

An element of luck with oil prices has helped However, the threat from Iraqi oil

means that may not last. If Saddam can

increase output quotas then prices will begin

In the meantime, BP will offer support to its

share price through a series of buybacks, starting with a £330 million scheme to expand its employee share ownership plan. More

significantly, it will follow this next year with buybacks that could total several billion

pounds. Buying back 10 per cent at today's

In the current environment, it is difficult to

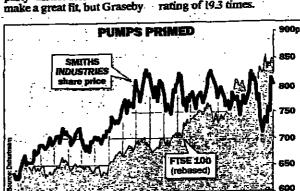
see a better use for BP's cash — especially as it

would have little difficulty in financing any

acquisition opportunities that do arise. BP

prices would cost around £4.5 billion.

Smiths remains a class act. The damage caused by the strong pound has put the shares on a more affordable rating of 19.3 times.



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Cantab

THE ebb tide that has followed this year's biotech disappointments is exposing some interesting share price anomalies. One of the most glaring is at Cantab Pharmaceuticals. Since March, when Glaxo Wellcome agreed to buy a small stake for 965p a share, Cantab's shares have fallen back to 687 2p, having briefly flirted with £11.

Yet the company has suffered no setbacks and scores well on an investor checklist. It has a good scientific reputation, three technology platforms with numerous potential applications and first rate industry partners in Glaxo Wellcome, SmithKline Beecham and Pfizer, which have backed their interest with payments totalling £20.5 million. Cantab even reported a £2 million yesterday though this was almost wholremarkable deal whereby

potential herpes vaccine. Both this and Cantab's other

lead project, a genital warts

vaccine now under develop-

ment with SmithKline Bee-

cham, are due to enter large

Cantab has even struck a

phase 2 trials next year.

Trinity College will put up £1.5 million, a third of the total cost of new laboratories, to persuade the company to stay on the Cambridge Science Park. One should never ignore the risks of such early stage companies, but Cantab currently looks good value.

Chesterton

ALMOST a year since Chesterton found a £1.4 million black hole in its accounts, and five months since one-off reorganisation costs of £2.2 million, the property firm is element in yesterday's warning was disappointing final-quarter trading — this at a time when house sales in

residential market, were booming. A full-year loss and further write-downs now look inevitable. No wonder the shares collapsed again to 33½p, down a further 23½p. They are now worth barely a

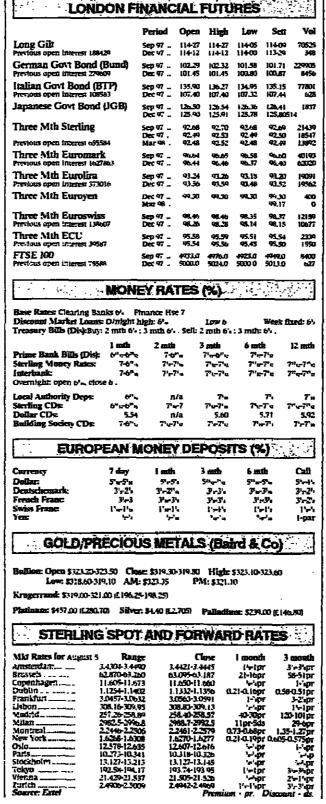
quarter of last year's peak. The culprit, it seems, is Chesterton's commercial agency, which has missed its targets. The sector has its problems, partly stemming from the uncertainties caused by the election and the Budget. But many other firms are doing perfectly well.

With Michael Holmes, the new broom chief executive. making some sensible changes the shares are being seen by some analysts as a recovery play. However, those keen to invest in the sector need look no further than Savills for a better run, more focussed, higher margin much more than seven times prospective earnings. Avoid

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Warning for regulator: ease off the gas

The plot could come from an Eating comedy. The rivals of a monopoly business and customers of that monopoly stepping up a campaign to slow down plans to introduce competition seems odd. After all the customers have discounts of more than 20 per

cent on their bills to look forward to and the rivals have market share to seize. But for some independent gas companies and the Gas Consumers Council there is more at stake in the opening of the next area of Britain to competition than getting it started on time. Fearing administrative maybern they are urging restraint on a regulator who is keen to enable two and a half million more homes to shop around for their gas supply to add to the

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England to join the already competitive areas of the South West and South East is November 1. The view among many suppliers, including those with most to gain, such as the locally based ScottishPower, is that bringing in competition so quickly will trigger the confo-

existing two million as soon as possible. The

preferred date for Scotland and northeast

Christine Buckley finds BG's customers and rival companies strangely keen to delay deregulation

sion and administrative problems that dogged the first round of gas trials. Then controversy over the problems encountered in wrong bills, difficulties of switching supplier and marketing clouded the pioneering move to give households a choice of gas provider. As the next phase approaches suppliers and the consumers council are warning that more mistakes could prove fatal. They could so tarnish the image of gas competition that customers in the rest of the country shun choice when it arrives for them next year and stay with BG.

. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, is keen to keep up the momentum of pushing BG into a competitive world — the ultimate objective of the privatisation of the company. She wants to press ahead with market development both to keep going a process that started more than a

year ago and, she says, to catch the winter period. Customers will be able to get up to £10 per month off their bills if they go with a new supplier, she has said. But if the system is being pushed too far, too fast, the concept of gas competition could fall on its face, critics fear.

The last area to be removed from the grip of BG, involving Dorset, the former county of Avon, and East and West Sussex, became competitive in February. The first area - the South West - started offering choice in April last year. So far only 22 per cent of customers have switched despite large price reductions offered by competitors to BG. For the next round of competition to be delivered by November 1 Transco, BG's pipeline network, has had to develop an interim solution that will

enable customers to switch gas company until the main system can be made ready. It is the robustness of this interim arrangement that rivals and the consumers council are fearful of. Transco itself has warned Ofgas that the interim measure "is not without risk".

On top of these increased fears about the mechanics of competition for Scotland and the North East are the concerns about how the market is shaping in terms of the numbers of companies committed to the national market. At the start of competition more than 10 companies piled into the South West. But with comparatively few customers switching supplierand the expense involved it is becoming clear that the gas market is likely to be made up of just a handful of national players.

The independent gas suppliers are all still gung ho that domestic competition can be viable for several companies on a national scale. The fierce competition between them makes it all the more vital that the market is not weakened by technical problems and customer

> viewed hundreds for his management team before picking

executives from Mercedes.

Nissan. Toyota, General Mo-tors and Ford. Given their

differing corporate back-grounds, their early brain-storming sessions often lasted

Total investment by

Mercedes-Benz is \$1.1 billion. divided between Alabama and

factories in Germany where engines and transmissions are

made. The project is the firm's

latest foray into globalisation

that has seen the launch of

various overseas assembly

plants, including one in India

making E-class Mercedes that

have not caught on as well as

Jurgen Schrempp, chair-man of Daimler-Benz, says

Alabama is a story about

change in the way the com-

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ducing an entirely new vehide. As luxurious as a

Mercedes saloon car inside, the ML320 has serious off-

road capability and a light price. \$35,000. Early reviews

in the motoring press have been glowing. The US is the

leading market for these sport-

utility vehicles, but 40 per cent

expected.

15 hours at a stretch.



Screen trades make for dull dog days

stocks were still traded on the exchange floor, the mice played hard once the cats were away. The August air was thick with paper aeroplanes, insults and rumours; and every now and then a broker would emerge trouserless in Throgmorton Street. And serious business was done, too. August was the traditional month for a French devaluation. Cur-

ly squared before the senior partners disap-peared, though every now and then some bold soul left a short franc position open, and the champagne flowed.

rency books were normal-

Non-French central bankers also tended to be away, resting before the IMF annual jamboree: but the Bank of England did play possum at least once. The franc was looking but sociable types, apparently thick — they would have looked at home in a strong for a

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might get busy on an. August morning, but noth- were shrewd, and had a ing would keep them from keen sense of smell. Memlunch. It let the pound fall all morning, but as soon as the lunchtime lull set in, it harder time of it. Polly mounted the mother of all Peck? Wouldn't touch it, bear squeezes. The celebration took place on the wrong side of the Channel.

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But it was the share market which usually saw the big action. What better time for launching hostile bid than while the defence was helpless on some distant beach? (No mobile phones, remember.) Some major restructuring was achieved in this way, until finance directors and their merchant banks learnt to provide better holiday cover. And helpful rumours could be launched untraceably (try that on the e-mail) sure of eager circulation on the sleepy floor. This weakness was exploited by Sir Charles Clore and other canny operators, either softening the market for a

bid, or using the rumour of one to lubricate a stealthy sales programme. When it wasn't silly it was, you may argue, highly improper. Those playing these games were really trying to trade as control market is, by contrast, clinically clean, and a good thing too, no doubt.

bound to happen; the market in those days was not only technically primitive. but extremely small. Ev-eryone on the floor knew a kind of intelligence net-work, though a faulty one. it could hardly happen today, even if traders still ing a canard would be like trying to start a scare in the UN General Assembly: it would get garbled at once, and die away in minutes.

It isn't all gain, though. Memory suggests that there was a mass of sound information at large, along with the rubbish; indeed, had it not been so, nobody would have listened. Some of the most successful brokers were not the young trading junkies of today,

rugger scrum, and quite a few like Dorosplendid invention, Freddy Arbuthnot, whose ad-vice Lord

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old boy. And BCCI? You must be joking.
Would it be possible to retore such helpful intimacy to the world of screen trading? Doubtful, but not wte out of the question Note first that those markets where floor trading has survived — the deriva-London and Chicago, and the metals and commodities floors - remain almost entirely free of scandal. It is hard to do dirty deeds in plain sight. One can imagine that a more formal division of the electronic marketplace into specialist pitches would encourage openbreed ness and

information. But the real obstacle would remain: insider trading laws which make ignorance the only proof of nonesty. This is not the time of year for another sermon on that topic but Alistair Darling did float some interesting ideas about well-informed longterm holders in his Shadow days. Now he is a reallife minister any hope

Mercedes-Benz drives deep into Dixie with a bold, new venture

Ian Brodie on a melding of

cultures at

the German carmaker's

Alabama plant

lahama has a new star. It is the threepointed symbol of Mercedes Benz, rotating above a glistening factory to announce the arrival of Germany's largest industrial manufacturer deep in the heart of Dixie.

Next month the all-new, four-wheel-drive Mercedes produced by this bold venture in transatiantic collaboration will begin rolling into American showrooms. They will not tarry there for long. The first 20,000 have been sold and the waiting list at some dealers. stretches two years ahead.

Their arrival on American roads is the culmination of a remarkable melding of cultures, bringing together German engineers, committed to upholding the quality standands of Mercedes and open friendly Alabamans, some of whom were unable to tell a nut from a bolt, but eager to learn from and to work for a world-

famous company. It is not the first time a German carmaker has set up in the South. BMW's plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is currently at full stretch, producing the much sought after BMW Z3 sportscar.

The Germans have made great strides to "bond" with the Americans. All workers are "team members" - outfitted, from the boss down, in polo shirts bearing the wear-er's first name. There is no executive car park. Those who arrive first get the best spaces. And there is no executive dining room, just one canteen for all. The staid headquarters of Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart is said to have taken note of this egalitarianism.

The venture was made possible by extraordinary incentives and tax breaks from the state of Alabama, which was



neighbouring states in attracting overseas firms. Alabama can also offer year-round good weather, educated workers. ample space, splendid roads and a choice of deepwater

(£170 million), or \$180,000 per worker. They included \$90 million for job training, \$42.6 million towards capital equipment for the assembly line, plus \$120.4 million for a rail spur to the plant, a new high-way east, piped water and the flattening of hills on the greenfield site north of Tuscaloosa. Alabama also passed legislation granting a 20-year holiday from state taxes to companies making large capi-tal investments, a break worth \$1 million a year to Mercedes-Benz. The package went so far beyond anything seen before that other states cried foul,

although one confidentially

offered to outbid Alabama.

dered if they were being too generous to foreigners. That ill-feeling has evaporated now the benefits are becoming apparent. The company will have a payroll of 1,500 and another 11,000 jobs are being Alahama's incentives were created in the area by suppliworth nearly \$275 million ers. Eventually there will be new houses, hotels and shops. The ripple effect will be felt throughout the state.

Even more important, perhaps, the project marks a coming of age for Alabama. Since the Fifties, the state has home the stain of its opposition to the black civil rights movement. There were savage clashes in Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham. Publicity generated by the arrival of Mercedes-Benz allows Alabama to show it now has an

integrated workforce. Alabamans inundated Mercedes-Benz with 62,000 job applications. The Germans set up 60 hours of lessons and testing to narrow the numbers to the cream of the crop. Karl

Heinz Sauer, a seasoned Mercedes-Benz executive, looked for people with a willingness to work as a team. Knowledge of engineering was not essential, but an aptitude for it was. Applicants were shown how to read blueprints and how to weld. They were questioned about attitudes to work — for example, how would they deal with an unruly team member? Correct answer: In a calm manner, and if that fails seek help. Herr Sauer said: "Americans learn

three times faster than anyone, including Germans." The first 160 hired were sent to Germany for up to seven months of training. Sherry Snow and Angelia Smith said that being so far from home was scary at first, but they would love to go back. They write to German families who befriended them. Ms Smith said: "Before I went over there I couldn't even change a tyre. Now I can fix my own car." Dozens of German instruc-

tors moved to Alabama and 70 still work in the factory, teaching Americans exact procedures for every task, such as the right way to tighten a nut. Their children attend local schools, rapidly acquiring English with a southern twang. The Germans are overwhelmed by American friend-liness and find their compatriots curt when they return home. The Germans have acquired a taste for southern barbecued ribs, the Americans for German wine and beer.

residing over these soautomotive cross-currents is Andreas Renschler, chief executive officer or "team leader", who has been pivotal in pulling off the huge manufacturing and marketing gamble of building a new vehicle in a new country

less than in Germany where the cost of living is considera-

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with untested workers. He is a lanky, 39-year-old German who says the project started from scratch. He inter-

will go for export and the first right-hand drive versions are tue in Britain next summer For quality control, production has started slowly, 70 vehicles a day, rising to 140 when a second shift is added next month and with an eventual target of 270. Projections are that a profit can be turned in four years, half way through the production cycle. Hourly wages are from \$14 to \$19, high for Alabama but

bly greater. The biggest difference is in hours worked -2,000 a year in America com-pared with 1,500 in Germany. Unlike Germany, no unions have taken hold in the Alabama plant, where workers are genuinely proud to have n chosen by Mercedes. Mr Renschler said: "People are the most important part of the operation. I must know what their problems are and if

I cannot find a solution I'll tell them why. I don't want anyone here who won't let me talk to my team members. I don't need somebody to translate my thoughts to them.

Many in Alabama also won-**Booking out**

THE glamorous world of international casinos is light years away from the rather grubby business of running hostels for the homeless. So imagine my surprise to discover the other business interests of Alan Goodenough, whose persuasive powers were not good enough to convince Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, to allowhis London Clubs International to buy Capital Corporation. For the past couple of years, Lyric Hotels, a mid-market regional hotel chain where Goodenough is chairman, has been running the Thorncliffe Hotel, a 300-bedroom estab-



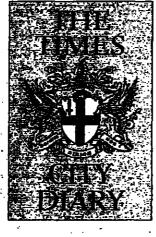
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lishment just off the M4 at Heston in west London. Its clientele bear little resemblance to London Clubs' highrolling patrons.

According to a sales prospectus discreetly distributed by Christie & Co, the property agent, the Thorncliffe's customers are "referrals from a number of different local authorities" as well as "guests taken from the Heathrow Refugees Arrival Project". Tramps and undercarriagedingers, in other words. Lyric, which is considering

a listing on the AIM, has decided to sell because the hotel does not fit the group's profile. It certainly can't be because it doesn't make money. In the year to February, the Thorncliffe made profits of £863,000 on turnover of £1.6 million, and this year is expected to make more than £1 million from sales of £1.8 million. Christie is asking for offers over £7 million.

THOSE nice, caring, people at The National Trust are beginning to resemble that breed of lawyers that hangs around hospital emergency entrances handing out business cards. Not content with selling properties to fund its stock market punts, it has taken to mail-shotting elderly West Water and Norweb on



about making a will Michael Beaumont, head of the legacies unit, writes: "You may feel grateful for all the trust's places that you have been able to enjoy." Nothing like being

Overruled

HEADS you win ... Last week, John Bridgeman. Director-General of Fair Trading, advised Margaret Beckett to grant conditional approval to the merger of PacifiCorp and Energy Group on the ground that there were no competition concerns. She overruled him, saying that there were regulatory issues. This is a neat reversal on earlier days. When Bridgeman advised against the proposed merger of North members explaining how to go regulatory grounds. In Lang

were no competition concerns. You figure it out.

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Thai twist BACKPACKERS in the Thai re-

sort of Phuket, setting for those nmele-clad islands in The Man With The Golden Gun. are getting a taste of fine Italian ashion. Ferrucio Ferragamo, chief executive of the eponymous luxury goods group, has sent three of his children on a world trip - a reward for doing well in their studies. Ivatore and James, 25-yearold twins, are in the Thai resort with their sister Vivia, 23, en route to Australia, America and Mexico. Graduates of New York University, Salvatore did a stint with KPMG, while James was with Goldman Sachs in London. Vivia studied fashion and enjoyed a spell with Saks Fifth Avenue in New York. Expect a Thai twist in the next batch of Ferragamo handbags.

Pundit time?

COULD David Rigg, soon to step down as director of communications at Camelor, be destined for a new career as a political pundit? Rigg. 50 next year. has placed bets on every British general election since 1959. when he was a chirpy 11-yearold, and claims an unbroken success record. "The only thing I ever bet on is general elections and I have won on every one,"

he tells me. He correctly predicted the Tory majority in 1992, and was right again in May, when he voted Labour for the first time. Not that he has always demonstrated an unerring political instinct.

■ DEFINITION of first officer (ie co-pilot) circulating among BA flight crew: "Second-in-command, does almost all of the work and gets almost none of the credit. His duties include feigning rapture as the captain describes in detail all 96 strokes of his last golf round, or the difficulties encountered during installation of the new central heating system in his five-bed-

JON ASHWORTH



David Rigg likes to bet

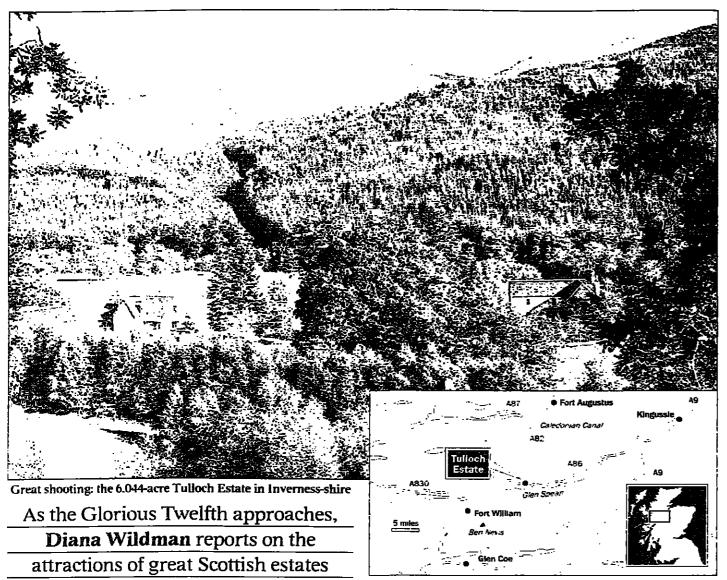
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Join the shooting set

porting affeionados will be gearing themselves up for the most high-profile date in the shooting calendar the Glorious Twelfth. Next Tuesday is the first day of the grouse-shooting season, which continues in England until December 10 and in Scotland until mid-September, when deer stalking takes

In the ISSOs the Government made a law hanning grouse shooting until August 12, as the young hirds, horn in May, were not considered good sport before that date. Scottish estates, which fell in value by between a third and a half during the recessionary years, are now almost back to their 1988. values, according to Andrew Rettie of Strutt & Parker's Edinburgh office. He says: "Unlike farms, sporting estates are valued on the annual records of grouse, stags and salmon, as well as residential and agricultural elements. Capital values have varied enormously since the beginning of the 1980s, from a low of £7.500 per salmon to a high of E13,000."

Mr Rettie has been seeking offers above £550,000 for the 6,044 acre Tulloch Estate 17 miles east of Fort William in Inverness-shire. The estate, under offer, has some walked-up grouse shooting, with a five-year average of 17.1 brace. Tulloch has three duck ponds. There is rough shooting for woodcock and snipe, trout fishing on the Spean and red deer-stalking. Accommodation includes the main lodge, a farmhouse and two cottages. (Details: 0131-226 2500.)

Robert Frewen of Strutt & Parker's Harrogate office says there is huge variety in the quality of estates. A Yorkshire estate averaging 1.000 brace of grouse each year over ten years should have a capital value of £3 million, assuming a straight moor purchase with a keeper's cottage," he says. "But huyers should be careful not to pay too much. If there is a huge scope for upgrading a moor which would improve the number of

brace, a buyer could double the capital value of his investment, but one that is efficiently run may not have much scope for capital

A day's shooting in Yorkshire averages between £80 and £100 a brace and most shoots are reserved from year to year. But Mr Frewen has three days of driven grouse shooting available for this season near Pateley Bridge. North York-shire. Allow \$1,000 a gun a day. "I believe we are in for a good season," he says. (Details: 01423 561274.) Guy Galbraith of Savills' Edin-

burgh office quotes £1.8 million for Glenturret Estate, one of Perthshire's best-known grouse moor estates. The grouse moor extends to 4,794 acres of heather hill and provides two separate driven days with a ten-year average annual bag of 400 brace.

There is red deer stalking, a driven hill partridge shoot, snipe and woodenck and four duck

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centre of the estate. (Details 0131-

226 6961.) Hanging over the market is the fact that, with the proposed ban on fox hunting still on the Government's agenda, there is uncertainty over the future of the sporting estate. Richard Tufnell of Cluttons (0171-408 1010) says: "Pheasant shoots that rely on substantial rearing programmes may be subject to restrictions. Grouse moors could be particularly hadly affected by a ban on snares, the main method of controlling loxes.

An established pheasant shoot might add 5 per cent to the overall value of an estate. Consequently the loss of any value of the shoot in the long term may be offset by movement in value of other elements of the estate, such as the residential." Finally, Knight Frank quotes

£1.7 million for Glenrossal Estate. set in 2,500 acres in Sutherland. There is a turreted Highland shooting lodge, stalking, grouse shooting, a small pheasant shoot flighting ponds. The lodge is in the and fishing. (Details: 0131-2258171).

Be brave – cut out the middleman

always used to believe estate agents when they said that private house sales never work out. "It always ends in tears, you know," it was patiently explained to me by the so-called professionals of the property market. But they were wrong, it can be done. I know it can be done. because I have just bought the house of my dreams without an estate agent coming within fibbing distance of my new front door. I have never seen details of the property. I don't know the length of the garden, I don't even know the extent of the "invaluable" storage space. But

don't care. I have my It all started one bleak February day shortly before my girlfriend and I had moved out of our west London flat. OK, we got a good price for our place and it was a warm feeling to have large amounts of cash in our bank account. but that was little compensation for finding ourselves homeless in a competitive housing market.

We had done all the I had not been im-

dard of service we were getting. All right, there is a terrible shortage of

away from estate agents feeling I would have got more attention if I were buying a £500 sofa. But it was not hundreds of pounds at stake, it was hundreds of thousands. Too often the service was offhand, inattentive and, frankly,

the door a day late. Somehow, the

Jonathan Prynn

explains how he bypassed agents

agents, however well-briefed.

could never get it quite right.

A more direct approach was needed. We decided, as a last resort, to put leaflets explaining our interest through the door of every house in the two streets we liked best. For weeks we heard nothing. Meanwhile, an agent had showed us a house that, if not

perfect, more closely matched our

Events progressed. Lawyers

needs than anything we had seen

were talking to lawyers and surveyors had been put to work.

Everything was proceeding well.

Then one night, I got the call. "Is

that J. Prynn?" the voice said.

'Are you still interested in Felicity

Road?" We were. We went to see

the property. It was perfect. The vendor, who had lived with his

family at the four-bedroom house

for 18 years, was keen to cut out

agents. We were happy to oblige.

Three agents were dutifully

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standard stuff - the soul-destroying tour of the estate agents, regis-tering with dozens and viewing what seemed like hundreds of dreary. pokey and over-priced properties. ressed with the stan-

good property on the market: but these are people's hopes, dreams and homes we are talking about. Too often, I walked

After several abortive and distressing attempts to buy places we liked the look of, we were beginning to give up hope. We knew the streets we wanted to live in but properties in them never seemed to come on the market or, if they did, we would always be through

contacted and valuations given. Our vendor was prepared to offer the house at the lowest of the three prices quoted, and that arrangement seemed more than reasonable to us.

In the weeks that followed, the negotiations went through many the ups and downs that inevitably dog any property transaction. At times, the deal seemed doomed. But whenever there were problems, and there were many, the vendor and I sorted them out between ourselves - no middleman involved. To my astonishment, it made

life so much easier. Removing the third party lso cuts out much of the scope for misunderstanding and distrust.

Perhaps we were lucky Throughout our transaction, there was never anything other than good will on both sides. There were differences. We wanted a quick completion, they wanted a lengthy one. We wanted them to leave the white goods. they wanted to take them. But at each point of potential conflict. common ground was sought and found.

In part, the very reason we were able to achieve such harmony was the fact that no agents were involved. With agents always sniffing around for extra commission. the threat of gazumping never goes away.

After six hectic and often heart-stopping the deal was done. A month and a half later nearly five months

after we said goodbye to our flat --- we were moving in. The local agents had missed out on a five-figure commission.

Tough. We had our house. Not all agents are bad, of course. The ones who sold our flat had been models of professionalism. But after all the chinless Charlies and ruthless Ruperts we had had to put up with, I knew that this was the exception.

Far be it from me to put the GTi-driving class out of a job. But thousands of other fed-up home-buyers are not going to follow the route we took, agents are going to have to wise up.

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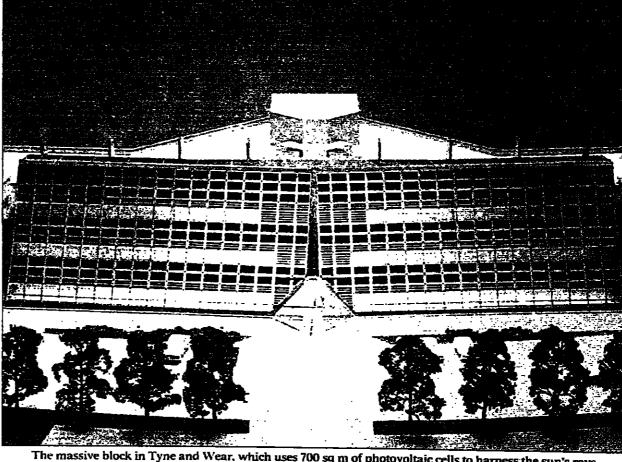
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Northern sun will warm the super green office

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And it is not on the south coast with its warm climate but in Sunderland, Tyneand Wear. The £5 million building is due to be finished next spring and the developers are hoping to lure healthcare companies, environmental companies or high-profile firms to lease space.

The Y-shaped building, at Doxford business park, will consist of three main parts; workspace, an arrium leading to a solar chimney, and a glazed carapace encasing the 700 sq m of photovoltaic cells, which will convert the sun's rays to electric power.

Mark Glatman, founder of Akeler Developments, which is building the 37,700 sq ft huilding, says: "We get a very great amount of sunlight in this area. The solar panels perform better here than in some parts of the Mediterranean, such as Greece." The Met Office in London says' savings in energy costs of up to 76 per

Eve-Ann Prentice on

what will be probably the biggest solar-heated office block in the world

sunshine a year on average, or 30 per cent of the sunshine possible in the daylight hours available. The region gets a mere 35 hours of sun in December and 179 in May - Tyneside's sunniest month.

The building will cost £1.5 million more than a traditional office building, but this amount has been provided in a grant from the European Development Fund, with Akeler paying the remaining E3.6 million. Companies that lease office space at about £13 a square foot — the going rate for the Doxford business park - can, however, expect to make immediate

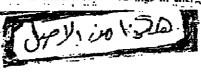
"There will be generous rent-free periods, regional assistance and companies could get DTI help." Mr Glatman says.

The heart of the building contains the tetrahedron-shaped atrium, which leads to the solar chimney. Warm air is drawn out of the building in summer, but is reclaimed and used to help to heat it in winter. The photovoltaic cells can produce enough energy to run 300 personal computers and enough energy will be generated each year - 55,000 kWh - to run the equivalent of 16 medium-size homes. In short, solar power will provide up to a third of the building's energy needs.

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Joan Llewelyn Owens sees how the rise in mentoring schemes for secretaries is helping to boost their status

art of Christine Gibhons' role as administrative and clerical consultant to the Southampton Community Health Service NHS Trust is to act as a mentor. "I have mentored three secretaries over the last 12 months," she says, "and others on an ad hoc basis whenever a more objective view is needed."

Mentoring for secretaries is increasing," says Freda Gardiner, who chairs the Secretarial Development Network. "It is particularly useful when a new secretary joins an

"If you don't know anyone except your immediate boss you can feel very lost. With an experienced secretary to turn to, life is much easier. Also, existing staff can learn a lot by teaching and mentoring."

One of the latest organisations to start a mentoring scheme is the University of Bristol, Kerstin Mussell, staff development adviser, says they have no set career structure for secretaries and no system of appraisal.

Some of the secretaries working for academics who are out of their offices a great deal, are very isolated. "We felt mentoring by other secretaries would help them to clarify their ideas and offer them a way to talk about the problems which might be causing

The Industrial Society publi-cation Managing Best Prac-tice — Mentoring states: "At its broadest, mentoring is a confidential, one-to-one relationship in which an individual uses a more experienced. usually more senior person, as a sounding board and .for guidance."

Marjory Mair of the Industrial Society, feels strongly that senior secretaries should be mentoring juniors, harnessing their potential and helping to raise the professional profile of

She believes, along with

Carol Burnett, PA to the managing director of Allied Bakeries, that some colleges omit to teach secretarial students how to handle certain situations, possibly because the tutors may not have worked in an office for some time. Experienced mentors can help to remedy this.

The mentoring system intro-duced by Ms Burnett is informal. She came to it after monthly meetings with her secretaries, where she found they spent most of the time moaning.

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made a point of sitting down with other secretaries as and



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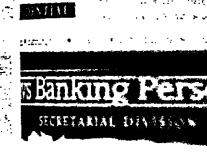
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Another Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Munmery [Judgment July 29]

While the court had strike-out power in supervisory proceedings against solicitors and other officers of the court, in general it was preferable to make submissions on delay, prejudice, potential injustice and other factors relevant to the court's discretion at the substantive hearing rather than by a pre-emprive move to strike out. hich would increase the costs and delay that preliminary procedures were intended to avoid.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the second plaintiff. Margaret Taylor, against the de-cision of Mr Justice Collins in the Queen's Bench Division on June 6. ocess her motion issued in May 1995 for orders of committal and payment of compensation under the inherent and supervisory juris-diction of the court against Chris-topher Young, the solicitor for the defendants. Ribby Hall Leisure ings Ltd. in an action for breach of

Taylor, died before the motion was inordinate and inexcusable delay issued. in issuing the proceedings; (ii) the The basis of the motion was an

alleged contempt of court by the solicitor in aiding and abetting breaches of an order against the defendants and in acting in breach of a personal undertaking given by him as a solicitor to the court in June 1989.

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC and Mr Malcolm McEwan for the second plaintiff; Mr Crawford Lindsay. QC and Mr John Norman for the

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY, giving the judgment of the court. said that the appeal was concerned with a novel point on the combined effect of three fundamental judicial powers developed to protect and promote the integrity of the orders, officers and processes of the court: 1 The punitive contempt power, exercisable against anyone in breach of a court order or under-

taking to the court. 2 The disciplinary supervisory power exercisable against officers of the court, including solicitors of the supreme court, and 3 The protective procedural power, exercisable against litigants for the prevention of misuse of the court's

The reasons given by the judge for making the strike out order were that: (i) there had been

solicitor had been seriously prej-udiced by the delay; and (iii) the damage which the second plaintiff claimed she had suffered could not be shown to have flown from the alleged breaches.
The second plaintiff's sub-

mission was that there was no power to strike out, as an abuse of process, proceedings brought ei-ther under the contempt or under the supervisory jurisdiction of the court. There was no limitation period for initiating such proceedings. The power to strike out proceedings for want of prosecu-tion on the ground of prejudice resulting from inordinate and inexcusable delay was not avail-able in such a case.

On the application to strike out the motion, so far as it relied on the supervisory jurisdiction, the sec-ond plaintiff submitted that: I Delays should never be a procedural har to the investigation by the court of serious misconduct

by one of its own officers. 2 The court had a regulatory role over its own officers and different considerations applied to that role than applied in ordinary litigation between private parties. 3 Solicitors, as officers of the court.

occupied an important position of

duct than those applied by the law generally. There was a public interest in maintaining confidence in solicitors. That interest was not diminished in importance by delay in bringing the misconduct to the amention of the court. 4 The delay in the present case was

not of a kind which could have constituted inordinate or inexcusable delay for the purpose of striking out a case for want of prosecution, because it was of a pre-writ quality, occurring before the institution of the proceedings. 5 The abuse of process power exercised by the court in criminal proceedings was not analogous to supervisory proceedings. Criminal proceedings affected matters between the state and its citizens. This was a distinct and special jurisdiction exercisable by the court only over its own officers. 6 The proper stage at which to consider delay and its consequences, such as prejudice, was at the full hearing of the motion. The court could then exercise its discretion with regard to all the relevant factors to be weighed in the balance. The court would be in a position in princer the defendant.

dinary litigant who could rely on delay as a procedural bar to a full hearing. It would be wrong for the court to allow one of its officers, against whom there was a case of misconduct to answer, to go scotfree on a procedural ground without explanation or investigation of his conduct.

The court's conclusion was that there was an inherent discretionary power in the court to strike out both contempt or supervisory proceedings as an abuse of process. The points made by the second plaintiff against the existence of such a power were more relevant to the proper exercise of the judicial discretion. The absence of the limitation period for initiating a proceeding did not preclude the power to

strike out for abuse of process. There might exist a legal right to initiate proceedings at any time, but the exercise of that right must be subject to the overriding power of the court to protect the integrity Support for that approach was to be found in the cases of abuse of

process relating to delay in the initiation of criminal proceedings for offences for which no limitation period was prescribed. Such crim-inal proceedings were not, for that reason, exempt from regulation by the court. The court had a residual to a party to the proceedings.

The principal purpose of both the contempt power and criminal proceedings was punitive. Their aim was to secure obedience to the law and to punish a person who had acted in breach of the law. A breach of a court order or of an

undertaking to the court or aiding and abetting such a breach was a very serious maner. The court could impose either a sentence of imprisonment or a fine. The supervisory power over solicitors was essentially a summary disciplinary power exercised

by the court over its own officers to ensure their observance of an honourable standard of conduct and to punish derelictions of duty. The discretionary nature of the jurisdiction should be emphasised. The discretion extended both to procedure and substantive relief. It was flexible and unfettered by any absolute rules and was to be xercised according to the facts of

the particular case. in those circumstances, it was relevant to consider, on a strike-out application, the prospects of the court exercising that exceptional power at the substantive hearing to

grant coercive or compensatory relief.

While lapse of time did not

undertaking it was a different matter when the circumstances of the particular case were such that the court was unlikely to exercise that power.

in the exercise of the discretion, the public interest was, of course, a factor to be taken into account. There was a real public inserest in the maintenance and observance of honourable standards of conof honourable standards of con-duct by officers of the court, in the efficient administration of justice and in compliance with court orders and undertakings. The weight to be attached to public interest factors would depend on the facts of the particular case.

The judge had been entitled to conclude that there was an abuse of the process in bringing the motion: there had been long and inexcusable delay and there was a genuine risk of prejudice to the

In those circumstances it would be an abuse of process for the motion to proceed to a substantive hearing, as there was no real prospect of the court exercising its discretion to grant the relief sought

It was, in general, preferable to make submissions on delay, prej-udice, potential injustice and other supervisory powers at the sub-stantive hearing rather than by a preliminary pre-emptive move to strike out. That procedure might be open to the objection that it increased the costs and delay that preliminary procedures were in-

tended to avoid. For future guidance such proceedings should, in the absence of a good reason, be imitated within a reasonable time of a party obtaining knowledge of a breach of

a court order or undertaking or other misconduct. In most cases the court was dependent on a party bringing a breach or a case of misconduct to its notice so that appropriate action could be taken.

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Corrections

In Ariyo v Sovereign Leasing plc (The Times August 4) the solicitors for Mr Ariyo were Akainyah & Co. Finsbury Park. In Neville and Another v Wilson

and Others (No 2) (The Times July 28) the plaintiffs were Mr Jeffrey Neville and Mrs Eileen Hill. Mr Joseph Wilson was a defendant. Mr Nicholas Padfield, QC did not appear below or at the substantive hearing.

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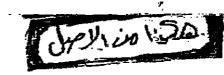
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A CAMPAGE AND A FOR Tony Hallett: it was indeed High Noon. At midday yesterday, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) A TAMES AND STATES OF THE PARTY strode into a conference room. at Twickenharm and con-The second secon firmed that he was resigning. The man who had been branded the bad guy by opponents had succumbed in the shootout and, once the gunsmoke had cleared, only Cliff Brittle The state of the s had been left standing. Hallett put on a bravura the state of the state of performance. So, too, did Brit-

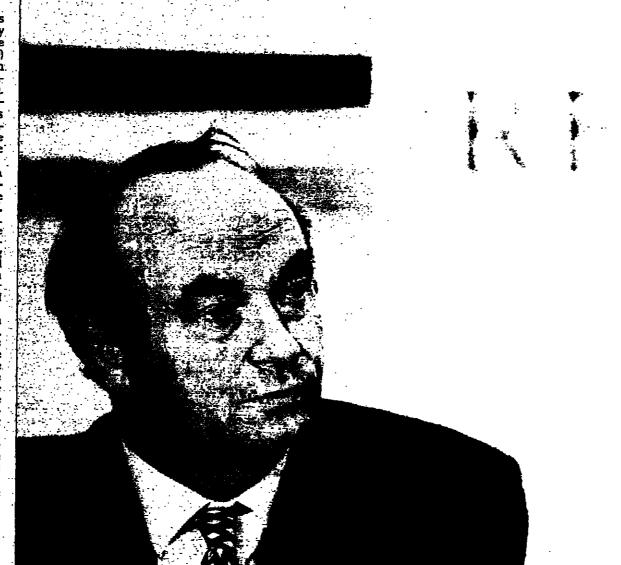
tle, the chairman of the union's management board, but then he could afford to. There was no hint of the rancour that had soured relations between the two during the past 20 months of political infighting. Sitting beside each other, they put aside their differences and talked instead of their mutual admiration. Brittle said how much Hallett would be missed,

which begged the question as to why he was going, how the new Twickenham would be his lasting legacy, how there would always be a welcome for him at the RFU. Yes, there had been differences of order had been differences of opinion over policy and roles, but it had never been personal. Hallett was offered effusive thanks for his efforts over the past two difficult years and promised tickets for life.

For his part, Hallett re-mained dignified Yes, he was sad to be leaving but the game, and its unity and integrity, were bigger than any one individual. Tam leaving with a clear conscience and with the RFU. I believe, in good order. I believe it is fundamental that there be unity amongst those charged with running the game ... I have therefore decided that for the benefit of the game I should leave rather than appear to prolong the discord," he said.

The search for a successor to Hallett, who has been paid compensation and will leave within a week, begins immediately. The replacement will have the title of chief executive and should be in place within three to six months. Brittle was insistent that Hallett's departure marked a new beginning and that the internecine squabbling was a thing of

Asked about the position of Jack Rowell as England coach, Brittle said that "people un-derestimate his [Rowell's] chances of retaining the job". ing that a change is needed, Rowell may indeed stay in place through to the 1999 World Cup, if only because of



RUGBY UNION: TWICKENHAM STAGES DIGNIFIED DEPARTURE OF SECRETARY

Hallett makes a peaceful exit

Farewell performance: Hallett faces the media at Twickenham yesterday to announce his resignation

and which I feel will be best for my

development as a player." Townsend said

yesterday. Cardiff have offered him a three-

Auckland, the Super 12 champions, are set to

buy a large stake in Blackheath, the second

division London club, which has money

problems. An announcement is expected later

Rugby Union's general committee for four

years, has decided not to seek re-election as

WRU chairman. He will continue in the post

for an interim period of one month until the

new chairman is elected in September.

year contract worth a reputed £500,000.

successor who could be prised away from his club at this late stage without massive com-

pensation having to be paid. Possible successors who have been sounded out include Ian McGeechan, Rich-

end of next week whether to leave Northamp-

ton (Mark Souster writes). Townsend yester-

day spent two hours with Ian McGeechan, the

director of rugby at the club, discussing his

future and has not ruled out the possibility of

staying at Franklins Gardens.

However, it appears likely that, with
Northampton unable to guarantee him the

stand-off role he covets, he will move to either

tages for Townsend, the British Isles stand-off

in South Africa: Cardiff offer him the chance to

Rob Smith. At a meeting attended by five members of the national playing committee at the East India Club two weeks ago, under the chairmanship of Bill Beaumont, it was agreed that the con-

Townsend considers a move

GREGOR TOWNSEND will decide by the for six months. "It's how I feel about the club

this week.

should be investigated. Mc-Geechan remains the favour-Northampton, where he has a six-year contract. McGeeite with some but he has also chan's acceptance of any RFU been approached recently by offer could also be dependant upon him being guaranteed a bigger role, such as Director of the Scottish Rugby Union about a possible coaching role at Murrayfield combined with Rugby, in the future.
Hill, who has transformed

Gloucester, is preferred by others but the likelihood of Graham Henry, of Auckland. being invited to succeed Rowell is remote. It is felt that John Mitchell, of Sale, would be a better option and he will be invited to coach England A this autumn.

No decision on Rowell's future will be taken until the end of August, but the longer the saga drags on the better his chances of staying put should he still want to. One the door [on Rowell] unless another one is open and the chances of that happening before the season starts are dramtically reducing."

SCOTLAND stayed in the

hunt for qualification for the World Cup finals with a 1-1

draw against New Zealand in

pool B of the qualifying tour-

Alison Grant gave Scotland

an eleventh-minute lead but

Robin Matthews equalised in

the 55th minute to give New Zealand a deserved draw.

Grant steered in Sue Fraser's

shot from Scotland's only pen-

The Scots gave a controlled

IN BRIEF

defensive performance as New Zealand enjoyed the ma-

nament in Harare.

BOWLS

Yorkshire bloom as Alderson runs riot

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

IF THE Britain in Bloom judges, who visited Royal Learnington Spa last week. had popped into Victoria Park yesterday, they would surely have been impressed with the white roses of Yorkshire, for whom everything in the garden was lovely. Eight of the 24 players who helped Yorkshire win the six-rink Johns Trophy on Monday, stayed on to win the Walker Cup. awarded annually to the winners of the women's national double rink

championship.

Beryl Alderson, who has played for England indoors since 1987, but has failed to garner enough points from national appearances to gain a place in the outdoor side, was outstanding. After skipping her rink to a fine 19-17 win over Mary Price, of Buckinghamshire, in the semi-final, Alderson ran riot after lunch. steering Ann Colley, Janet Hague and June Foster to a 20-13 victory over Pat Hallam.

Jean Pindar, skipping the other rink, was in fine form, too. With good support from Dot Kennelly, Barbara Stokes and Pat Napier, she forced a creditable 16-16 tie with Lynne Thelwell in the semi-finals, and eased to a 22-14 win over Janet Green in the final.

in Stratford-upon-Avon, the local club had something to celebrate. Nine years after being moved out of their club premises by their landlords, the Royal Shakespeare Company, they were hosting an international event. The club found a farmer who granted them a piece of land three miles out of town for the nominal rent of a crate of whisky a year.

Yesterday, their green was praised by the leading young players of England and Australia, as they contested the first of three international matches, using an attractive new six-a-side format. The teams play two triples matches in the morning, three pairs in the afternoon and six singles in the evening, and the first session, in which the sides shared the honours, held the promise of a tight series.

lan Bond's triple won for England, and Brett Duprez's squared it for Australia, bere, with one win each in pairs, a single shot victory for Wayne Cheeseman and Bond over Garry Willis and Tom Ellem tipped the balance England's way.

jority of possession -- winning

in inspired form.

get the three points."

finals next year.

ten short corners - with Sue Lawrie, the Scotland keeper,

Mike Gilbert, the Scotland

coach. said: "Our defence

played very well under pres-

sure for long periods and our

homework on New Zealand's

corner routine paid dividends.

We were disappointed not to

Scotland face Spain today.

Victory would give them third

or fourth place and a chance to

qualify for the World Cup

HOCKEY

Lawrie inspires Scots

Wacky ruses that always sell sport short

here are times when a journalist must counted. When a serious injustice is brought to his attention, it is a journalist's job to tell the world. So let the campaign start here. Justice for Penelope Pitstop.

Ms Pitstop, the driver of the Compact Pussycat, won on a magnificent four occasions in the 34 episodes of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon series Wacky Races. But the Wacky Races championship, if calculated by the points system used in Formula One motor racing. leaves her in fifth place. This is surely not right - totally unfair, ridiculous, In fact, one begins to wonder if we are talking about serious sport at

These important figures. worked out by a chap called Graham Smith and communicated to the Daily Mail. make extraordinary reading. The overall champions are the Slag Brothers. Rock and Gravel, in the Boulder Mobile, who only won three times, but made up ground with eight second-place finishes.

This is roughly what happened in grand prix racing in 1987, when Nelson Piquet's collection of second places gave him the championship over the win-or-bust style of Nigel Mansell. One has to wonder about a system that rewards second-best over a winner. Are we talking sporting excellence? Or are we talking about stringing along as many people for as long as possible in the name of rather spurious entertainment?

As you would expect, there is a difference between real sport and the Wacky Races, The Wacky Races are much more sensible. Let us look at the world dub championship in the sport of rugby league. This began as an excellent idea: the best of the Australasian clubs against the best of Europe.

Penrith Panthers, of Australia, won all six of their matches in the qualifying stage of the competition. You can't really do better than that. Bradford Bulls lost all six of theirs, and you can't do a lot worse. Guess which team qualified for the quarterfinals? Correct: Bradford six matches. Penrith scored 256 points. St Helens, still in the competition, scored 96.

he reason for these anomalies is that the draw was rigged in order to get four teams from each hemisphere into the quarter-finals. In sporting terms, you can see the point, but the competition had been built around the search for television audiences, rather than the serious quest for sporting excellence. Sport looks rather silly as a

result. We do not have to look very far to find further examples of the Wacky Races Syndrome. Look at the European Cup Champions' League. The search for excellence has been disastrously compromised this season, as the competition, while retaining the same name, becomes the champions and runners-up league.

Even last year, the competi-

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Midweek View

tion had enough anomalies to be going on with. Manchester United reached the semifinals, despite losing three times. They lost five times in the competition altogether. Get as many big teams as possible, get them to play as many matches as possible, and count your money. Sporting audiences are fools - they will watch anything. Or perhaps the idea is to make as much money as possible be-fore the dread day comes, when sporting people realise that they are being taken for

hat day comes ever closer. Take the last cricket World Cup. It involved 12 teams. playing in two groups. There were 30 games scheduled in order to winnow them down to eight. The teams that were eliminated could have been picked out from the start: United Arab Emirates, Holland. Kenya and Zimbabwe. The system was so absurd that Australia and West Indies didn't even bother to play two of their games, and still qualified.

Meanwhile, the football World Cup gets more and more silly. The last competition went through the twoweek group stage to reduce 24 teams to 16. Did we get proper football after that? No. because the penalty shoot-out came in. Football has reached a point when the group stage is largely bogus, and so is the knockout stage. Never mind. Sporting audiences lap it'up.

walk away unsatisfied. What people seek from sport is the quest for excellence, the quest for true. Not because we are all sporting purists, but because the true struggle for excellence and victory is the most exciting thing that television can bring.

If victory does not truly matter to the participants. then the audience is left unsatisfied and, in the end, we will go elsewhere. Increasingly, the great symbiosis of sport and television is selling us alcohol-free lager while claiming that it is the real thing. Night after night we drink our 20 pints and find ourselves still standing, and we are just beginning to ask a few questions about the stuff we have been consuming.
Dick Dastardly and Mutley

did not win a single one of the Wacky Races, but I get the sneaking feeling that they have taken over the management of professional sport.

play in the European Cup, while Richmond will be in the first division next season and his the lack of an outstanding girlfriend is moving to London in the autumn

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Whether to double or bid on is often a difficult decision. But it

was not the case on today's hand. Dealer South Game all N-S+40 Rubber bridge 4A85 VA976 +J10876

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pert Bob Richman. I was player, one of whose many south. Note that after my intervention with Two Hearts much. For that reason I over East's INT response, West's bid of Three Clubs was not strong — it was just competing the partscore. I discussed this point at some length in a recent Weekend

Clearly North had to bid Three Hearts. Now East's hand began to look good. If his partner had a singleton heart. all East's high cards were in the right places. Nevertheless. I don't think his hand was worth more than Four Clubs. Maybe he realised the mess of the auction North-South were

about to make. By most objective standards my pass of Five Clubs was impeccable. But I was playing WORL WATER THE

Contract: Five Hearts doubled, by South, Lead: ece of diamon West was the Australian ex- with a keen but inexperienced

should have doubled Five

Clubs. When Five Clubs went back to North he made a poor bid. He has excellent defence two aces and good control of diamonds, and possibilities of scoring the queen of clubs. In addition, as South was not able to open the bidding, making eleven tricks in hearts was unlikely. I score Double at 10 out of 10. Pass at 7 and Five Hearts at 0. Best defence takes Five Clubs two off; I was lucky to escape for one off in

Five Hearts. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Favourites through

Early play in the Smith & Williamson British Chess Championship at Hove saw the favourites by and large power through. Particularly impressive was Jon Speelman's spectacular win against

Charles Cobb. Among those top players who failed to make their mark were former British champions Tony Miles and Matthew Sadler, who drew respectively with Roktim and Walker. White: Jon Speelman Black: Charles Cobb British Championship,

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After 31 ... Rxg7, 32 Rf8+ Rg8, 33 Rxg8 is mate. If Black had earlier captured White's queen with 29... Qxe2 then 30 Bxg7+ Kg8, 31 Re7 is also

Top results

TOP FIRST ROUND RESULTS: Chris Ward beat Nicolas Pert, Mich-ael Adams beat Ruth Sheldon, Jon Speelman beat Charles Cobb, Mark Hebden beat Ian Thompson and John Emma beet Michael Barnes Mind challenge

To coincide with the first Mind Sports Olympiad, The Times will be publishing daily mind challenges for the next two weeks with E10,000 worth of prizes. Today's challenges are backgammon and IQ. The Mind Sports Olympiad takes place at the Royal Festival Hall from August 18 to 24. information on 0171-703 2828.

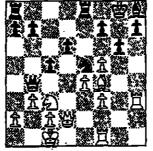
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Emms -Summerscale, Drury Lane 1997. Can you calculate the powerful sequence by which White smashed open his opponent's kingside?

Solution on page 41



Krajicek's power is irresistible

RICHARD KRAJICEK, the Wimbledon champion last year, had no trouble in disposing of this year's runner-up, Cedric Pioline, of France. on the opening night of the ATP championships in Cincinnati. The Dutchman, seeded No 12. secured victory 6-3, 6-4.

The ninth seed, Marcelo Rios, of Chile, completed a 6-3. 7-5 win over Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden.

Swimming: If Erik de Bruin refuses to attend a hearing of the executive board of the European Swimming League over a false identity claim, then his wife, Michelle Smith. the triple Olympic champion, whom he coaches, may not defend her European titles in Seville this month.

Motorsport: Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, won the New Zealand rally for the first time yesterday after his nearest rival, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, hit a sheep on the opening stage of the day. Rugby: John Bentley, the injured England rugby union wing, is likely to miss four weeks of the Stones Super League and the start of the union season.

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By Philip Howard

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Wood keeps weather eye on new fleet

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

FOR Nick Wood and his four crew members on Emu Excursion it was another frustrating day at Skandia Life Cowes Week yesterday. The painted cartoon emu that adorns the side of the coachroof on Wood's Hunter 707 hardly got any exercise at all, as bad weather again disrupted the

In the morning Wood and the crews of the other 43 Hunters - the newest and fastest-growing class at Cowes - did not even leave the dock after race officers postponed their start because of imminent squalls and thunderstorms threatening the eastern Solent. When they finally got out to the start-line in the early afternoon, racing was again

In the event, only 14 of the 30 classes got away yesterday with the Hunters and most of the other small boats deprived of racing for another day. Some of them have only managed one race so far in four days. The Hunters' owners, however, already have two results on their cards and are clearly revelling in their a class at the world's biggest

regatta.
Watching them running downwind at up to 15 knots along the mainland shore on Monday, it was hard to believe that two years ago only the prototype was sailing at Cowes. Since then more than 100 have been built.

The secret — apart from the cost, which compares favourably with the Glenfiddich decision by the class officers to keep the Hunters for ordinary sailors and not to allow sponsorship and the semi-pro-fessionlism that it brings. While the Meiges are making a splash at the regatta, with the Island Sailing Club plas-tered in Glenfiddich signs, the Hunters are quietly tucked away at the UK Sailing Academy up the river.

Wood, a professional photographer from south London. who is sailing with what he

riders for the final two places.

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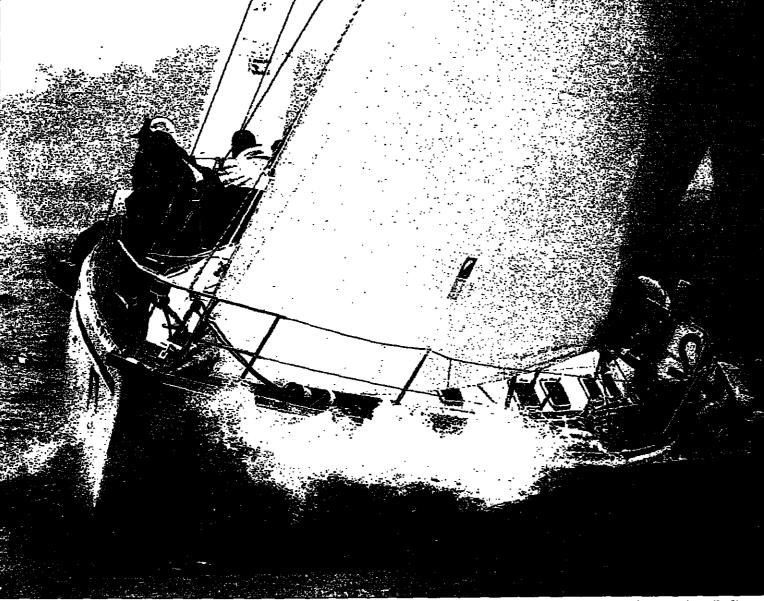
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Going: good



The Class 2 boat, Space, ploughs through rough seas off Cowes after starting with the rest of her fleet yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

calls his "cast of thousands" during the week, including his girlfriend, Rowena Jones, and bowman, Fred Burden, started with an eleventh and a tenth place and is lying comfortably in the top ten after racing on Sunday and Mon-

"It has been very close racing," he said. "In the first race the first nine boats went round the bottom mark within a minute of each

other, after three hours of

In both races, the Hunters made life difficult for race officers, when large numbers of over-eager skippers allowed themselves to be swept over the line early, forcing a general recall that delayed all the other classes waiting to get away after them. The boats are so even," Wood said, "so you've got to get a good start to get clear wind and get away. A good start brings with it a big premium in a big fleet where you can't afford to get buried."

In the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup yesterday, races six and seven of the ninerace series saw the Great Britain team slip in the overall standings from third overall to equal fifth with the Italians. While the big boat, Corum Indulgence, had a good day in Christchurch Bay, scoring a second and a fifth place, and

the Mumm 36 was placed fifth and then first, the ILC 40, Easy

Oars, had two poor results. However, although there are only two races left, there is everything still to play for with the Fastnet, which starts on Saturday, counting for more points than any other. In the overall standings, Britain is only 12 points behind Germany in second place and 27 points behind the United States, who hold the lead.

In the most dramatic incident of the day, the American big boat, Flash Gordon 3, lost her bowman, David Marvin, overboard while rounding a leeward mark in race one. It took her crew, skippered by Ken Read, two attempts before they managed to get him back by which time they had lost two minutes, which was

enough to demote them to last place on handicap in that

FOOTBALL

Hoddle refuses to panic over loss of Shearer

By Russell Kempson and Ian Whittell

IF Glenn Hoddle is still in mourning over the loss of Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler because of injury, he hides it well. With vital World Cup qualifying matches against Moldova and Italy ahead, it would not do for the England coach to be overly or overtly

Hoddle views the absence of Shearer, the Newcastle United forward, and Fowler, the Liverpool striker, as mere windows of opportunity for others. And anyway, Shearer was a non-playing substitute when England beat Italy 2-0 in the Tournoi de France, in Nantes, two months ago. "We would obviously want

Alan to play, it would be foolish to think otherwise." Hoddle said yesterday. "Our chances of winning have got to be less without him. But we have the strength in depth to overcome that, as we proved when we beat Italy before, and we have other options.

"At least it hasn"t happened a few days before a game and we already know he won't be available. It's a blow - he's one of the best strikers in the world - but it's a great chance for others to show what they

Hoddle's upbeat mood was understandable, with he and his coaching staff - John Gorman, Peter Taylor and tour-year kit sponsorship deal, for an undisclosed six-figure sum, with Mitre Sports International. Hoddle will wear the firm's products only when it. does not conflict with the Football Association's agreement with Umbro.

Shay Given, the Ireland and former Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, will cost Newcastle £1.5 million, an independent tribunal decided yesterday. The fee for Kyle Lightbourne's move from Walsall to Coventry City was set at £500,000, plus £50,000 after 20 first-team appear-ances. Walsall had asked for

Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, will tonight have his contract extended for another

Chris Hay, 22, the Celtic forward, has joined Swindon Town, the Nationwide League first division club, £330,000. The unhappy end to Paulo Di Canio's Celtic career will come today when the Italian is expected to compelte a £3 million move to Sheffield Wednesday. The striker will fly into Britain from Italy. where he has been recuperat-ing after medical specialists diagnosed him as suffering from stress.

Di Canio's agent, Favio Parisi, said: "He always Parisi, said: rie always
looked upon Celtic as a stepping stone to the Premiership.
He has always wanted to play
in England and we are talking
to Sheffield with Celtic's per-

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BRIGHTON

Sheffield Wednesday's



Hoddle: upbeat mood

Dutch winger, Regi Blinker, 28, makes the trip in the opposite direction, valued at £).5 million, for a reunion with Wim Jansen, his former coach

David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said: "It's a good move for him-When you are his age and a foreigner, you need to be playing regular first-team football and I couldn't guarantee him that."

On a busy day, Pleat also sold Orlando Trustfull, the Dutch midfield player, to Vitesse Arnhem for £800,000 and took-Antonio Crinetti, the Italian midfield player, on trial from Brescia.

Chelsea look to Gullit for future guidance

By Brian Glanville

CHELSEA are to try to secure Italy striker, who spent much the services of Rund Gullit to of last season out of the first guide them into the next: century. The Dutch playerfor Vialli," he said. manager's contract runs out

this year and the club hones to begin talks with him soon with a view to signing him up until at least the millennium. Gullit said yesterday that he had had no feelers from clubs in Italy this summer and relations with Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea chief executive, seemed very cordial. So cordial. Hutchinson said: that Gullit did not even bother to

pick his wage cheques up for two months. Hutchmson also revealed that there had been no offers

team. "No club has come in Gullit, himself, is reluctant

to discuss the plight of the £20,000-a week forward. "I'm not going to think about it any more," he said. "I think we are one team and there's 22 players and everybody must be tuned in."

Gullit confirmed that Chelsea will be switching from a three-man to a four-man defence this season. The great thing is we can play whatever we like. We can play with three back, four back, with three up front. It doesn't matter so much which we play," he said.

EQUESTRIANISM

Rules unsaddle Skelton

By Jenny MacArthur

NICK SKELTON, a regular Smith and Di Lampard, who going better than ever, but member of the British all compete with Skelton at the they made the rules and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in they found the Poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in takes over the coxless four in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm ish team, just seven boats, is in the poles and I'm Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show this week, are the three is to be dropped from the squad for the European chamqualifiers. Geoff Billington. with it's Otto, and John pionships to be held in Germany later this month. Whitaker, with Welham, two consistent partnerships, are The Warwickshire-based ridalmost certain to be nominater, who won three European team gold medals and an ed, on Monday, for the other individual silver medal at the two places. 1986 world championships. Skelton, 39, who has one of

the best young horses in Europe in Tinka's Boy, finhas failed to qualify under the controversial new selection ished third in the team trial at Under the rules, which are Hickstead and last weekend had a double-clear round in designed to open up selection. the victorious British team in four trials were held with the the Gijon Nations Cup in best three rider-horse combinations qualifying for the team. Clear rounds in any of Spain. His decision to miss the third trial at Pererborough the three Nations Cup events. three weeks ago, though because he was preparing for his own show, which started which conflicted with the trials, also counted in a rider's two days later - has cost him tally of points. The selectors have the right to nominate

dearly. "I've got one of the best Michael Whitaker, Robert horses I've ever had and he's

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not in," a bitterly disappointed Skelton said vesterday.

Michael Bullman, the chairman of the selectors, speaking from the Budapest Show yesterday, said: "With his horse and his ability. Nick would be very valuable on any team in any country in the world. The system has not worked in his favour."

Skelton's loss is Smith and Lampard's gain. One of them will take his place at the championships, unless they lose form over the next three weeks. Both are under scrutiny in Dublin. Lampard competes as an individual, with Abbervail Dream, while Smith is one of five from which the team for the Nations Cup on Friday will be chosen. Skelton, John and

eight. Michael Whitaker and

Delayed start for juniors

From Mike Rosewell in hazewinkel belgium

ROWING

Belgium for the world junior championships, which start here today.

Of the five men's boats, the British eight contains the most experience and includes Toby Gayner and Ed Russell, who were in the same boat last year, which won a bronze medal.

Two other experienced internationals, Dan Ouseley, from the 1996 coxless four, and Robert Sanders, from the coxless pair, are also in the crew, which is coxed by Adam Moffatt, from Agecroft, who at 13. is likely to be the youngest competitor from any country. Bruce Grainger, of Eton, who had a year off from international duty in 1996, is

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back as the coach of the Michael Martin. ρf Abingdon, who coached the

which Johnsthon Keech is a Germans too good for them in Munich. The Germans have survivor from the 1996 crew since been moved into a

that lost out on a medal in a blanket finish to the The leading men's sculling crew is the double of James Di Luzio and Matthew Wells, first and second in the national schools singles this year.
Di Luzio was in the British

double that finished eleventh last year, but he and Wells won at the Munich junior regatta to boost their confidence. The junior double was second in the British senior national championships, beating the British Under-23 dou-

ble in the process. Then there is the women's pair of Isabel Walker, from Scotland, and 6ft 4in Frances Houghton, from Canterbury. Consistently the top British

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Walverhampton 47 King's

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CINCINNATI: Men's tournament: First round: J Stark (U.S) br G Rusedsin (GS) 1-5, 6-3, 7-6; M Darmi (C2) br G Rusedsin (GS) 1-5, 6-4, 7-6; I Woodindge (Rus) br J Stollemong (Aus) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Medivadev (UA) br I Herman (UB) 6-3, 6-3, M Woodinde (Aus) br O Delaite (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

SAN MARINO: Men's tournament: First round: A Beressategu (Sp) br D Nargiso (I) 6-3, 6-4; J Martr (Sp) br E Grossi (I) 7-5, 6-1; A Martin (Sp) beat D Scala (II) 6-4, 6-2; A Gaudenzi (II) br L Morejon (Ecuador) 6-4, 6-3

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of four): Southerrepton: Hempshire v Gloucestarshire: Studiery: Warwickshire v Gloucestarshire: Studiery: Warwickshire v Glamorgan (first day of three) Seaton Carew: Ourham v Kunt, Lutterworth CC. Leigester v Northampineshive, Southgate CC: Middlesex v Lancastine: Worksop College: Northinghamshire v Somesser. Oxfad: Surrey v Essex, Barrit Green: Worksop studieshire v Suspex.

MENOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Incides of two) Finchempstead: Berkstre v Clestrate (first day of two): March Cambridgestre v Hattlondshre: Lakenhent: Norlolk v Bodfordshre; Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Statfordshre

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (at

Learnington) EQUESTRIANISM: Dublin Horse Show.

GOLF: British Services Open timateur championiship tat Sherwood Forest) SAILING: Skandig Life Cowes Week,

TENNUS; LTA satellate tournament (at Southseat)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

HOCKEY

HAPARE: Women's World Cup qualifying tournement: Pool A: South Africa 4 Canada 1; India 3 Japan 2: England 3 Ireland 1

MOTOR RALLYING

RALLY OF NEW ZEALAND: Leading final positions: 1, K Erkuson (Swe, Subaru Impress) 4tr 14mm 11sec; 2, C Sant; (So, Ford Escort) at 13sec; 3, Kartikumen frin, Ford Escort) 19; 4, H Burns (GB, Mitsubeth, Carisma) 1mm 18sec; 5, P Bourne (NZ, Subaru Impresa) 554; 8, N Bares (Aus. Toyota Cefe; 3) 1122 Leading world champlonship positions: Onivers: 1, T Mekron (Fin, Messubshi) 42fe; 2, Santz 34; 3, C McRae (GB, Suberu) 32 Constructors: 1, Suberu 74, 2, Mitsubrin 56; 3, Ford 55

RUGBY LEAGUE

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Halifax 10 Brisbane 54 Quarter-fina draw: Wigan v Hunter Marriers London v

1) 9 ran. % I, 1% I, Miss L. Perratt Tote £190; £110, £480 £240 DF, £25.50. Tno £5270 CSF £1964.

7.20 (SI 207yd) 1. Hewer Golf Mover (J. Wisser, 4-1 p-lay), 2. Lamonna (S-1); 3. Climy Wosserhame (S0-1), King Uno 4-1 p-lay, 12 ran. 3%, 11 7 Naughlon, Tota S5-80; 22.00, c) 60, c) 40 DF c) 3.00 This: 2261 00 CSF c) 126 Thoust 5907 62.

7.50 (1m 4) 1. Al's Albi (K Fallon, 5-1), 2. Tajar (5-1) 3, Globe Furmer (5-1), Stoke Casinos Boy 9-4 tav 7 ran 2 14 21 W Mur Tole: 05.90, 23.50, 52.20 DF £19.30, CSF-028.97

8.20 (6f 206yd) 1. Nant Y Gamer (C Lowther, 11-10 fav); 2. Davis Rock (11-8); 3. Patina (10-1) 6 ran. 21, 41, J Berry Totio 52 10, 51.40, 51.20, DF 51.70 CSF 52.58

8.50 (61 206yd) 1, Surf Citry (A Cultrarie, 11-21, 2, Don't Worry Miking (16-1), 3 Ha Muytahid (5-4 tay) 10 ran Nifi Taziban 14, Muytahid (5-4 tay) 10 ran Nifi Taziban 14, W Haigh, Tote 15 30; £1 40, £2 50, £1 30 DF £36 60 Tino £32 50 CSF £81 92

Placepot £143,80. Quadoot £33.60.

FOR THE RECORD completions 1, F Davies (LSG) 150 9km, 407pts 2, Dobson (LSG) 146,6, 392-3 J Burry (LSG) 145,9, 300-4, A Clarke (Ventus C) 145,7, 389 Leading final positions, 1, Carles 4,971pts; 2, Davies 4,702-3 Burry 4,669, 4, B Necholson (Versus 2) 4,649. Gronulia Brisbane v St Helens or Panst Auddard v Bracford Tes to be played on October 4 to 5 European qualifying match (St Helens v Pano) to be played Aug 13,

Women's eights, but Britain has no entry.

TEAM: Jurior men's eight A Rivers (Bor). E Stanck (King's Canterbury, R Sanders (ROS, Newcaste), C Martin (Hampton), R Cardwell (Racley), D Ouseley (St Pau's), T Gayner (Racley), E Russell (Mongdon), Cox: A Moffest (Agecroft) Jurior men's codess four, R Boder Westman (St Pau's), J Keech (Hampton), C Hoberott (King's Chester), W Meeting (Bedford) Jurior men's codes (Hampton), Cox: J Brookes (Strewsbury), Jurior men's double soult. J D Lucio (Morfaka Anglan), M Wells (Quender), S Ribey (Durham Amateur), R Jones (Nothingham Couny), M Beliar (Leander), A Ribey (Durham Amateur), R Jones (Nothingham Couny), M Beliar (Leander), A Lorior women's codess petr. F Houghton (King's Carnesbury), I Weller (George Watson's College), Junior women's codess four. V Price (Lacy Beanor Hotles), R Canteller (Warwich), C Kepinsta. (Headington), K Stewert (Headington).

Britain's involvement today

will be limited to an opening

ceremony appearance. There

are opening heats in the

women's eights, but Britain

made for Gianluca Vialli, the

Bradamante 1 48.35; 5, Munton-e-Mia (Scan) 1 49.08; 6, Thomas I Punic (Ger) 151 44, 7, Georga Express 2 (NZ) 2,05.29 Overall positiona: 1, US 56.25; 2 Great Britan 75.00; 3, New Zesland 75.63; 4, Germany 82.75, 5, Raly 87.50

Trial 1, M Johnson (US) 44 12sec; 2, D Karnoga (Uga) 44 37; 3, T Washington (US) 44 39; 4, M Richardson (GB) 44 47; 5, J Young (US) 44.51; 6, I Thomas (GB) 44.52; 7, A Petitigrew (US) 44.57; 8, J Baulich (GB) 45.22

800 metres

Second round

Second round
First three in each heat plus overall four lastest losers quality to semi-finate OUALITIERS: Heat one: 1, M Koers (Holl) 1/min 46.52sec; 2, P Noturus (Ken) 146.56; 3, B Lashou, (Mor) 146.56; 3, Heat two: 1, N Tellez (Cuba) 1.44.62; 2, H Sepeng (SA) 1.44.91; 3, M Everati (US) 1.44.92; 4, A Hearn (Mg) 1.45.19; 5, A Bucher (Switz) 1.45.33; 6, T O Cedegaard (Nor) 1.45.42; 7, M Yapoub (Sudan) 1.45.73; Non-qualifier: 8, D Mathews (Ire) 1.46.63; 2, P Konchellah (Ken) 1.46.43; 3, R Kenah (US) 1.46.48. Non-qualifier: 8, A Han (GB) 1.46.60. Heat four: 1, W Koeter (Den) 1.45.54; 2, P Stroubekos (Gr) 1.45.94; 3, K Osei (Gha) 1.46.00.

110 metres hurdles

First round
First live in each heat plus overall four tastest losers quality to second round
CUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, D Phillbert
[Fr) 13 43sec: 2, A Johnson (US) 13 52
3, R Kronberg (Swe) 13,70, 4, R Kording
(Holi) 13 80; 5, G Gunderson (Nor)
13 83 Heat Inc: 1, A Kohutek (Pol)
13 37, 2, A Garca (Cuba) 13.46; 3, A Tulloch (GB) 13.69; 4, F Beizer (Ger)
13 70; 5, H Grossard (Bel) 13,74; 6, T
Reese (US) 13.79; Heat three: 1, I
Kovac (Slovakra) 13.36, 2, S Thotalt (Fr)
13 50; 3, T Sciga-Zewski (Pol) 13 61; 4, A
Kishyhh (Russ) 13.67; 5, S Giga (Lati)
13 79 Heat four: 1, A Jamet (GB) 13.35;
2, V Clanco (Fr) 13 51; 3, R Mehlich (Pol)
13.65; 4, M Fenner (Ger) 13.67; 5, S
Peters (Bel) 13 67 Heat five: 1, F
Schwartholi (Ger) 13.44; 2, R Torian
(US) 13 51; 3, K Vander-Kuny (Austin)
(US) 13 51; 3, K Vander-Kuny (Austin)
13 61; 4, G Peders (Lat) 13.73; 5, P
Charmulers (Br) 13 93. Heat sic: 1, C
Jackson (GB) 13 19; 2, M Gress (US)
13 46; 3, J Nesque (Bel) 13.53; 4, A
Haapakocki (Fri) 13 75; 6, E
Lichienegger (Austria) 13 78; 6, J
Navatu (Fri) 13 82

Second round First three in each heat plus overell four tastest losers quality to semi-linels tastest losers quality to semi-linets QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, Creg 13.15; 2, Jackson 13.19; 3, Korving 13.44. Heat two: 1, Johnson 13.22; 2, Kohutek 13.27; 3, Philibert 13.33; 4, Belzer 13.37; 5, Nsenga 13.50. Non-qualifier: Tulloch 13.63. Heat three: 1, Janett 13.27; 2, Gardia 13.46; 3, Vander-Kuyo 13.53. Heat four: 1, Kovec 13.23; 2, Reese 13.30; 3, Schwarthoff 13.30; 4, Clarico 13.41; 5, Kistykh 13.43.

Long jump

1, I Pedroso (Cuba), 8.42m; 2, E Welder (US) 8.38; 3, K Sosunov (Russ) 8.18; 4, J Beddord (Jam), 8.14; 5, N Ferreire Jr (Br) 8.04; 6, A Glavashd (Bele) 8.03; 7, C Toure (Sen) 7.98; 8, K Daworth (US) 7.88, 9, M Morrago; (Japan) 7.89; 10, Lao Janfeng (Ching) 7.78; 11, B Tudor (Rom) 7.86. No mark recorded: M Wignal (Jam).

Javelin

Talsa (GE) 86.80; 3, K Gatzicurdis (Gr) 86.80; 3, K Gatzicurdis (Gr) 86.80; 3, K Gatzicurdis (Gr) 86.84; 4, M Hill (GE) 86.54; 5, S Majicarov (Fluss) 86.32; 6, B Henry (Ger) 84.54; 7, E Gorrestez (Cuba) 83.56; 8, A Parvistrant (Fin) 82.80; 9, J Zelezny (Cz) 82.04; 10, G Hogler (Austria) 81.56; 11, A Monuyèv (Fluss) 81.38; 12, P Stoden (Svie) 80.86;

Women

Final "

Final
1, C Sacramento (Por) simin 4.24sec; 2, R. Jacobs (US) 4:04.65; 2, A. Weyermanin (Switz) 4:04.70, 4, M. Zurige (Sp.) 4:04.80; 5, L. Pelis (Carr) 4:08.18; 6, A. Suddesove (C2) 4:05.23; 7, O Nelyubova (Russ) 4:07.34; 8, S. O'Suffician (re) 4:07.81; 9, K. Dulecine (Eth) 4:08.15; 10, M. Everich (Swe) 4:08.68; 17, R. Mesgher (Carr) 4:10.83; 12, M. Rydz (Pol) 4:18.25,

10.000 metres

1; SBarsosio (Kent) 31 min 32.82sca; 2, F Ribelio (Por) 31:39.15: 3, M Chiba (Japan) 31:41:93; 4, B Adare (Eth) 31:48.95; 5, Ren Xiguan (China) 31:50.83: 6, T Loroupe (Kent) 32:00.93: 7, Yong Sau (China) 32:01.61: 8, C de Reuck (SA) 32:03.81: 9, S Sommaggio

(t) 32:16.92: 10, C Taterhashi (Japan) 32:23.61; 11, N Rocha (Mex) 32:24.58; 12, J Vaguero (Sp.) 32:36.91; 13, A Peters (US) 32:43.38; 14, C Dellenbach (Fr) 32:51.20; 15, A Sandell (Fin) 33:00.11; 16, H Masuda (Japan) 33:03.14; 17, E Meyer (SA) 33:06.82; Did not finish: G Werni (Eth), M Renders (Bel) and Z Delmani (Fr).

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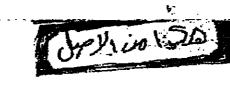
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Rmil CUALIFIERS: Group A: 1, C Price-smith (US) 18.35m; 2, N Kelnart (Ger) 18.26; 3, S Storp (Ger) 18.12; 4, V Althouse (US) 17.89; Group B: 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.69; 2, V Pavlysh (Utr) 20.48; 3, Zhihong Huang (Chine) 19.05; 4, S Krivstyova (Russ) 18.41; 6, S Millionie (Biul) 18.07; 6, Thompson (US) 18.07; 7, K Danilczyk (Pol) 18.05, 8, Maisu Li (China) 17.98, Non-qualifier; 8, Judy Caless (Gbr) 17.84;

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(Bokal) 65.00m; 2, B Fearmaine, 12, 42, N.
64-58; 3, S T-Sicolute (GA) 671-52; 42, N.
Grasu (Rom) 60.44; 5, L. Korolisakob
(Ruse) 60.30; B, L-M. Vitariani (Aug.)
60.29; 7, A Maffels (M) 59-94, Noncusifier, 11, S Draw (GB) 533-96, Group
B: 1, E-Zurawa (Boka) 65-94; 2, N. Sadone
(Fues) 65-14, 3, T. Mactedo (For) 61,36,
4, 2hill Lucan (Crima) 81-16, 5, A.
Soderbeag (Swe) 59-88.

TELEVISION: 88C2: Live 3.30pm-8.0pm SLRGSFORT: 6.0am-12.30pm, 3.0pm 7.30pm, Highligher 9.30pm-17.0pm



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Discus Qualitying

FACING: OAKS WINNER IN LINE FOR CLASH WITH STABLE-COMPANION BOSRA SHAM AT YORK

Reams Of Verse awaits International call

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RARELY has poetry been in such blurring motion as when Reams Of Verse won the Musidora Stakes by 11 lengths at York in the spring Now there is every prospect of that And to come entrancing image being revived, over the same course and distance, in the Juddmonte International Stakes in 13 days' time

The filly's owner. Khaled Abdulla, sponsors the race and he will make it another great one, in what has already been a vintage summer if allowing her to take on her illustrious stablemate, Bosra Sham, and the Derby winner,

Nap: WEETMAN'S WEIGH (4.30 Newcastle) Next best: Golden Pound

(3.15 Brighton)

Benny The Dip. Singspiel and Entrepreneur are other top-class possibles. Yesterday the prince's racing manager, Grant Princhard-Gordon, confirmed this splendid scenario to be "definitely in mind" for Reams Of Verse, though Yashmak and Kirkwall give them

After that spectacular York success, Reams Of Verse showed her mettle by winning a rough race for the Oaks. She was hampered coming down the hill before pouncing inside the final furlong: the level playing field of the Knaves- runner if we have the right

2.15 Sharithi. 2.45 Hoh Justice. 3.15 Golden Pound. 3.45 Colour Counsellor. 4.15 Bathe in Light. 4.46

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 RENGMER SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-0: £1,985; 6f 209yd) (5 runners) -

6-4 Shariffe, 7-4 January Silver, 4-1 Shar Magic, 10-1 Shafabada, 16-1 Dan

(8) OUI LET SISTEMACE TO 1 & STORE-CHARGE OF A FRANCISCO (1) O BLUE ZOLA 23 M Bed 8-6 SSENDARU 84 (6) JOHAN MORTEPINGALE C Cype 8-4 R Fleench (2)

2-1 Ren's Pel, 3-1 Hoh Justice, 7-2 Bine Zola; 6-1 Constant Altention, 10-1 Lauren's Lad, 14-1 Life Semience, 20-1 Jones Rightengeln, 33-1 Augusta Breeze.

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(B 6402 SHARP PEARL 14 (B,C,F) P.R. Webber 4-10-0 R. Hughtes 55 (50 6445 GOLDION POUND 14 (B,D,F,6) Miss 6 Relieusy 5-3-12 (Fallon) 90 (10 6445 GOLDION POUND 14 (B,D,F,6) Miss 6 Relieusy 5-3-12 (Fallon) 91 (10 6445 GOLDION POUND 14 (B,D,F,6) Miss 6 Relieusy 5-3-12 (Fallon) 91 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 92 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 93 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 93 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 94 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 94 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 95 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 95 (10 6445 GOLDION FALLON) 96 (10 6445 GOLDION) 97 (10 6445 GOLD

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1 (8) 0042 JUNS 9 Gay Relievary 49-11 K Fellon (\$2)

2 (2) 0002 MASTER MELLIFICO 4 (\$7) C FEE 59-10 R Heighten (\$2)

3 (\$5) 000 AESEAN SOUND 18 (\$5) K bury 3-9-9 Maris Dwyer (\$3)
4 (\$6) 3841 SOVERLERIN CREST 9 (\$6,CF) C Horgan 4-9-0 (Sord)

5 (7) 0040 DOUBLE RUSH 30 (CD,F,5) T Miles 5-9-1 J Cohen (\$2)

6 (\$7) 2003 SCHLARE MILE MISS 27 P Heading 4-8-12 Past Endorty 98

1 (11) 4000 CADPN 13 (\$7) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-0 S Sanders 39

1 (10) 0383 RUME SYMBOU, 25 (D,F) M Standard 8-9-7 C Relier (\$2)

9 (\$3) 2353 COLOUR COUNSELLOR 4 (\$6,CF) R Flancy 4-9-7

10 (1) 0008 TURSAMALA 13 (C,F) R Registro 6-7-11 M Addition (\$11 44) 00-0 COMTEC'S LESEAD 11 (\$7,6) J Pearro 7-1-10 G Barcherd (\$15) Sweethen Crest 9-9 Colour Counter(\$5,5] Square Miss Miss, \$1 others.

3-1 Sovereign Coast. 9-2 Colour Counsellor, 5-1 Square Mile Miss, 6-1 offers.

4.15 CLIFTONVILLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

1 (3) 2293 HOSH 20 (1979) (4)
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2 (4) 6032 BATHE IN MISH 20 (67) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-8 (1)
3 (1) 3294 LITTLE MISS ADCINER 20 | Balding 3-8-8 (M) Devys (3)
4 (4) 3024 POINTE FINE 16 J Hills 3-8-8 (M) Henry (3)
7-4 Bathe In Light 2-1 High On Lile, 3-1 Pointe Fine, 5-1 Listle Miss Rocker.

4.45 EDBURTON HANDICAP (52,808: 71) (17)

STAKES (52,277: 1m 3f 196yd) (4)

2.45 MARINA MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: 52,992: 61 209yd) (8)

3.15 TOTE CREDIT SPRINT HANDICAP

3.45 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP



Reams Of Verse, the Oaks winner, stands by for a tilt at the Juddmonte International Stakes at York

mire, by contrast, evidently suits her galloping style, and there could even be a chance

that the daughter of Nureyev will ultimately prove better still back at ten furlongs. It would give the prince enormous pleasure to win his own race. Pritchard-Gordon

said. "But we will only have a

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ammunition. We have three entries, and everything will be form to be considered "the discussed with their trainers, Henry Cecil and André Fabre. Kirkwall has alternatives in France, while both fillies are in the Yorkshire Oaks and we could wait until the autumn with Yashmak.

Pritchard-Gordon gave every encouragement, however,

5.50 Tawafek. 6.20 Russian Ruler, 6.50 Laguna Bay. 7.20 Mutahadeth, 7.50 Dower House, 8.20 Pha-

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.50 Dower House, 8.20 PHARAOH'S JOY (nap).

GOING; GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

| 2800 THE RAWRE PARATION 49 (C.D.F.S) M Temphins 5-9-13 G Hand 4 2 SE20 LRGSHT SWRT 21 (7) A larks 4-9-13 W Ryen 5 3 SE33 TAMAPER 7 (D.F. S Dur 4-9-6 Helm 9-9-3 R Cochrane 7 5 6032 ACARECO 7 WEIGHT 6-9-0 A Clock 2 6 SE32 ACARECO 7 WEIGHT 6-9-0 Halls 7 WHITE R LOWER 14.1 Functions 3-9-11 W Halls 3 T-1612 DURPHM 5-0 BF D/F (S) 1 Houre 1-3-11 W Wighton 5-9-0 SPAREDOR 13 M Scotn 3-9-3 LRGH 6-9-0 SPAREDOR 13 M SCOTN 3-9-0 SPAREDOR 3-9-0 SPA

3-1 Alarics, 7-2 Dertern, 5-1 Tawafek; 11-2 Shektoor, 6-1 Urgest Sedt, 10-1 Challens Island, Water Flower, 14-1 The Flying Plandom.

5-4 Ethenia, 7-2 St Lawrence, 5-1 Russian Hater, 6-1 Annuancing, 7-1 Shirly, 53-1 On Medi.

1 406 MARIKATO 20 Chapton 9-1 M Rimmer 5
2 5233 BORI GLEST 12 (6) J O'Shen 8-13 W Ryan 4
3 D MONACLE 18 D Month 9-13 R Cochrade 6
4 2045 LAGUMA BAY 29 A Limits 8-8 J Red 7
5 2560 MISS RIMBRA ROSE 21 6 Wang 8-8 M HISS 2
6 005 RIMBR OF FUNTURE 33 (7) M Toughtins 8-5 R Adding (5) B
7 6-01 COURT HOUSE 51 (6) M Chapton 8-7 R Month (7) 3
8 5041 BLAZETS BARY 12 (DLP) MS N Macander 7-12 Jn Hannor (7) 3

3-1 Miss Roiere Hose, 7-2 Bon Guest, 5-1 Blazer's Baby, 6-1 Laguna Bay, Coest House, 8-1 Mandada, Biotr of Fortone, 25-1 Monacle,

7.50 BANHAM POULTRY CONDITIONS STAKES

8.20 FILBY BRIDGE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,018: 51 43yd) (7)

6.50 FREETHORPE CLAIMING STAKES

7.20 HORSEY SELLING HANDICAP (£2,553: 1m 3yd) (15)

(3-Y-0: £2,624: 1m 2f 21yd) (8)

5.50 EAST COAST HANDICAP

6.20 MANSHIP MAIDEN STAKES

3,558: 1m 3t 101Y01 (6)

(£3,677: 1m 6f 17yd) (8 runners)

that Reams Of Verse is in the right ammunition". He said: "She had three races together fairly quickly in the first part of the season, and needed freshening up. The Guineas was a tough start for a filly with no early-season preparation, and then the Musidora

and Oaks followed on top of

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6.00 Freedom Chance, 6,30 Bernardo Bellotto, 7,00 Shawdon, 7,30 Impulsif, 8,00 My Beloved, 8,30

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.30 Sharpo Wassi.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.00 MCCARTHY CORPORATION APPRENTICE

5-2 Supetraick, 3-1 Zamalak, 7-2 Freedom Chance, 9-2 Montecrisio, 6-1 Norsong, 20-1 Landon Moor.

HANDICAP (£2,679: 1m 4f 10yd) (6 runners)

1 6504 MONTECRISTO 15 (0.F) R Suest 4-10-1 2 10-0 LAZIM AFOX 25 (0.5) R Printips 4-12 2 3 3442 FREEDOM GYANTE 8 (7.5) This 3-9-1 4 4501 ZAMALEK 7 (7) R Romer 5-8-13 (60-1 0001 MORSONIG 57 (0.7) J Atachest 5-8-10 5 -262 SUPERMICK 4 (10.7,6) W Mot 6-8-4

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05 CHEE BLADE 14 B Anbrast 9-0

5 DOLBLE BRANDY 19 | Baiding 9-0

55 SADOLERS' ROE 41 B Hills 9-0

40 SANTONE 25 H BASSON 9-0

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7.00 w s atkins nursery Handicap (2-y-0: £4,124: 61) (5)

6.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,355: 7f) (10)

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each other. She was then being seriously considered for the Irish Oaks, but came into season at the wrong time. Now Henry is very pleased with her again, and she worked well on Saturday morning."

An invigorated Reams Of Verse would certainly provide a stern test of Singspiel's own

er of the European prizemoney record finished punchdrunk at the end of another compelling showdown, when a brave fourth to Swain in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot

That race was run in gruelling conditions, and the fact that Sheikh Mohammed is aiming him at the Breeders' Cup Classic confirms the view that Singspiel is ideally suited by a mile and a quarter if there is any emphasis on stamina. He may yet return to that trip at York, but Anthony Stroud. the sheikh's racing manager, said: "It is only ten days since Ascot, and we will just have to see how he is next week."

When Michael Stoute Singspiel's trainer, arrived from Barbados it was to learn his trade at nearby Malton. and he duly has a great fondness for the Ebor meeting. Few things would give him more pleasure than to see Entrepreneur quench his Derby failure in the International, which Stoute has won previously with Ezzoud successive years) and Shar-

Another man with reason to cherish the fixture is Robert Collet, who won the 1986 Nunthorpe Stakes with Last Tycoon. But the French trainer confirmed yesterday that Zelding — a speedy juvenile who carries the same colours

as his dam's brilliant halfbrother - will miss that race in favour of the Prix Morny on 7.30 RING & BRYMER HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,090: 71) (8) (3-1-0. 23,090. 17) (a) 1 313 MR SPONGE 42 (BF,D.F) (Batding 9-7 ... 1. Detton 7 2 0405 CARATI 15 (B.F) R Bass 9-2 ... K Fallon 6 3 2100 PERICLES 11 (B.S) M Johnston 8-18 ... D Holland 2 4 50-4 RITEA 67 (F) P Watery 3-7 ... R Hills 5 5024 MaCLES 14 (B.G) D French Daos 8-5 ... PR Eddery 1 6 2163 SHAPPO WARSE 9 (B.G) W Happes 8-3 ... J Claim 5 7 4800 J.P.PTER 12 6 Basery 7-13 ... D R McClabe 4 8 0660 LADY GODWA 6 (B.G) W Polybes 7-10 ... Mortin Dayer (3) 3 9-4 Intig. 3-1 Mr Sponge, 9-2 Starpo Wassi, 11-2 Imputsif, 13-2 Pericles, 7-1 Casab, 10-1 Japake, 16-1 Larly Godwa.

8.00 WEATHERBYS RACECARD CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,700: 1m 2l) (5)

		PH HANDICAP (£3,436: 1m 114yd) (8)
1	1330	BROUGHTONS TURMOL 29 (F,G) B Mainen 8-10-0 K Fallon 7
2	2321	DAWAM ALLAN, 18 (F) M James 3-9-5 Par Eddery 8
3	-013	KAFIL 33 6 L Moore 3-9-4 Candy Mords ?
4	0411	INTERDREAM 13 (F) R Hennon 3-8-13 Dane O'Noll 2
		CONFRONTER 8 (F,G,S) S Dow 8-8-10 R Hughes 6
		ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 19 N Berry 4-8-6 \$ Sanders 4
		JOLLY JACKSON 11 R Aleburg 3-7-13 J Opton 5
		COASTGUARDS HERO 7 M Usher 4-7-10 J Femile (7) 3
		Alloi 7.2 leterturen A.1 Kali 0.2 Controlor 11.2 Abentuta

13-8 My Beloved, 9-4 Agores, 3-1 Prince da Lair, 13-2 Keta Wales, 7-1 8.30 GO EVENING RACING WITH THE DAILY 11-4 Deuten Alfail, 7-2 Isterbaam, 4-1 Kafil, 9-2 Controller, 11-2 Ab Ukusia, 7-1 Johy Jackson, 8-1 Broustépes Tormol, 25-1 Coastoverds Hero.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRANCES: M. Jarves. 6 moners from 14 namers. 42.9%, M. Johnston. 8 kom 31, 25.6%; N. Calkaphan, 4 kom 19, 21.1%; W. Matir, 3 kom 15, 20.0%; J. Danlon, 8 kom 43, 18.6%, R. Akehursi, 12 from 63, 14.5%, R. Hannan, 15 kom 136, 11.0%.
JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%, S Sanders, 11 from 57, 19.3%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 110, 19.1%, D Harrson, 5 from 30, 18.7%, 1 Delical, 14 from 88, 15.9%, D Holland, 6 from 41, 14.6%; R Hills 4 from 9, 11.4%.

1 0400 RIVAL BID 93 (V.D.F.G.S) Mrs N Macadey 9-9-10

5 0510 HARVEY WHITE 6 (D.F.G.S) J Poster 5-9-3

5 0510 MARNEY WHITE 6 (D.F.G.S.) J Pezzo 5-9-3 ... N Day 6 0 0.0 - GROUNS 60.0 4844 (D.F.) Pezzo 5-9-3 ... A Calhara 4 7 0306 THINLERS FOLLY 7. (V.F.S.) R Whiteles 5-9-2 ... D McKnown 2 8 0-53 MCMLODO 3 0 (J.F.) M Schor 3-9-2 ... K Darley 15 9 0030 SUPPEMS 50180 35 (CD.S.) P Harrs 3-9-1 ... C Lowiter (5) 18 10 0056 FEPKS GRUEPHOR 16 (CD.F.S.) W Muscon 5-9-4 ... G Canta 6 11 6-00 SURVEZ 21 (F) Mc N McCantley 7-8-7 ... J F Epan 9 12 2 3450 MAURSHIY PRSTOL 12 (B.F.) P Expos 5-8-7 ... J F Epan 9 13 5000 GRUEPHOR 16 (F) P CAVE 4-8-7 ... Darmen Moderat (3) 5 14 3105 DIAMONO GROWN 23 (CD.F.S.) M Ware 6-8-3 A Wholan (3) 17

15 5000 PRINCELY AFFAIR 128 (D.F) J Bandrey 4-8-1 ... A Microby 13 16 2550 BEDAZZE 16 (6) M Entiain 6-7-13 ... D Memagis (7) 17 0420 BEDBENDAL (M. 26) (8) N-8 N Wanng 4-7-10 ... J Univ 16 18 0500 MORES 18 (F) Ras Thempson 5-7-10 ... M Cadisle 1

9-2 Manyood, 6-1 McGillycustry Reeks, 7-1 African-Past, 8-1 Tomene, 10-1 Harvey White, Tinders Folly Supreme Sound, Bedazzle, 12-1 others

8.10 ST LUCIA FILLIES HANDICAP SKY

1 D-50 BLATANT OUTBURST 68J Mass S Wilton 7-9-11

8.40 CARIBBEAN HANDICAP

(£2,970: 2m 9yd) (12)

5-2 Visa Verdi, 5-1 Scs Georges, Two Time, 6-1 Forecti Famissy, Roches, 8-1 Anella, Sconeris, 12-1 Perpetual Light, 14-1 cibers

A Whelan (3) 17

6 Carter 10 ... B Doyle 7 indiana (7) 11

7.40 ANTIGUA HANDICAP

(£3,434: 1m 1(213yd) (18)

NOTFINGHAM

1 1165 SHAMDON 4 (D.F.S) M Pressor 9-7
2 410 KAMAPIL 29 (S) P Walnyn 9-5
3 130 OVERTIRE: 19 (G) R Hanson 9-3
4 (333) AMERICAN (DUSH 12 (B) B Median 8-5
5 646 MRS MEDILE 22 N Callegian 7-12

SKY

6.10 Chikai. 6.40 Moon Fairy. 7.10 Blamey Park. 7.40 Fem's Governor. 8.10 FOREST FANTASY (nap). 8.40 Aztec Flyer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 JAMAICA SELLING STAKES
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2 00 ASK SPEEDY SN	APS 9 J Bradley 6-11 A Marchay
3 0 CHEKAL 23 B Pal	fing 8-11
4 003 CLEAR VIEW 9 9	Meetings 8-11
	9 M. Channes B-11 J Fortune 1:
6 2006 EUROFEN 44 (B)	P Evens 8-11 JF Eggan 1
7 20 JUST A STROLL	11 J S Moore 8-11 W J O'Connor
	Roe Thompson 8-6 Darres Moltate (3)
	N Bresst 8-5 J. Lose: 1
10 000 HOYLAND COM	ION, S N. Timbler 8-6
11 5 JET SET SARAH	14 J Barry 8-6 C Lowrber (5) :
12 OF LANARA 14 (V) I	Acs N Macastey 8-6
13 0020 STRAVSEA 20 B	Baugh B-6 P Roberts (5)
5-2 Country Gyas, 7-2 Clear Vie	w. 9-2 Heavenly Falls. 8-7 Stravsea, 10-1 Just

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 C15.80. CSF: C22.83. 4.00 (8f 188yd) 1, Primetta (S Senders, 9-1); 2, Testycardia (6-1); 3, Denthee (5-1), Indian Relative 3-1 law, 9 ren, 41, 2, R Aleshurd, Totar 210.80; 52.70; C2.20, C1.80 OF: C15.20, Tricsch 2274.80. 4.30 (1m 11 148yd) 1, Country Thetich (R Fberch, 4-71); 2, Bear Hug (11-4); 3, Tezsab (8-1), Sensera Song 16-8 as 8 ren, N, 31 C Horgan, Totar 24.80; C1.40; C1.40, E2.00 DF: C1.40, CSF: C1.4.86 Tressay, 278.14.	Brighton TRAINERS: M. Jarvis, 7 winners from 2. names, 25.9%; K. Nory, 5 from 22, 22.7% Load Huntingdon, 7 from 33, 21.2%; Mass C. Kelleway, 11 from 58, 19.0%; P. Maskin, 3 from 16, 18.9%; J. Pestres, 5 from 27, 18.9% T. Mille, 8 from 46, 17.4%. JOCKEYS: Martin Dayer, 8 winners from 31, sides, 21.6%; R. Fiteroth, 6 from 24, 20.8%; F. Hughes, 13 from 70, 18.6%; Dane O'Neil 17 from 101, 18.6%; D. Holland, 10 from 60

TRANERS: J Duniop, 20 winners from 112 numbes, 17.9%, M Wane, 4 from 24, 16 7%; M Channon, 10 from 64, 15 6%, R Whiteler, 5 from 34, 14 7%, B Meethan, 9 from 74, 12.2%; D Arbutinot, 3 from 25, 12.0%, D Haydn Jones, 4 from 34, 11.9%.

Yarmouth

NEWCASTLE

2.30 Eastern Purple 3,00 Miss Main Street 4.00 Dirab 4,30 Trojan Hero

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 MISS MAIN STREET.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) D-0432 G000 TMES 74 (CD,8F F,6,5) Mar. D Roberson B Hail 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 Pacecard number Draw in brackets, So-figure forth (f — fell P — political up. 10 — unscalad rate: B — brought down. S — stopped up. 9 — relevant. D — discuplified: Horse's more Days stone feel coding. J il jumps. F il fiat B — bhinters: V — work H — bood. E — Eyeshadd. C — course woman D — distance numer. CD taxourde in latest race). Going on which horse has won IF — Izrm. good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Denot in brackets Irainer, Age and weight Ruder plus any allowance. The Iames Private Handisapper's rating.

Going: Good to firm TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 NEWCASTLE SHOW MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0; £2.621; 6f) (19 runners)

12.	v	445	., (
101	(10)	845	APPYABO 13 (M Dunn) M Charmon 3-5	•
102	(1)		ASSESTASMECAN (Let of Rule Record) its Javics 9-0 . K. Darley	
103	(4)	5	COOL PROSPECT 11 (6 Dailey Racing Patnership) A Mutholiand 9-0 D Winght	7
104	m	06244	CURHAM FLYER 14 (B) (C Sievers) T Sasterby 9-8 L Charmock	9
105	rii)		EASTERN PURPLE 19 (T Charg) P. Fater 9-0 A Cultare	2
106	(5)		HOLY WINE 18 (C Ranson, D Lode: 9-0 W Ryan	7
107	(1B)		JACK RUBY (R Dattor) P L Gilligan 9-0 D McKeown	
708	(15)	4	KAYO 11 IJ Abeln T Etherargion 9-0 . J Tate	ı
709	'nń	8	PRINCE ASHLEIGH 70 (S Desmore) P Hastam 9-0 M Ferture	ŧ
118	15)	065	TOP RLOOR 50 (Leads Plymond & Chart, List) H Tinkter 9-0 King Tinkter	•
111	(9)	06	WALWORTH WIZARD 30 (V Speks) U Dod: 9-0	
112	(14)	00400	WHACKER-DO 12 IC Businy Partnership Ltd; R Hollowhead 9-0 F Lynch	ŧ
113	(2)		CHASKA 12 (J Good) M Johnson 8-9 J Wester	1
114	(3)		GOOD ON YER 21 Michabridge Razorgi S Fellewell 8-9 J Farrong	-
115	(19)		MISSED DOLLARD (5 Smith) Mrs & Smithark 8-9	
116	(16)	0	MESS PUGH 39 (Mrs. E. Sweetman) C. Farraurst 6-9 R. Cappon	
117	想	5	MISS VIVIEN 23 (Lectors Manor Strain Miss L Perrott &-9 T E Datean (3)	7
118	(12)	_	REPOSE (Mr. Jenet McLeoch G Oldrayd 8-9 K Hodgson	
119	(12)	0	TAMBURELLO 27 (Chocolate Symplicate) J Barry 8-9 P Fessey (3)	
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(12) O TAMBURELLO 27 (Chocoizie Symbosite) J Berty 8-9 P Fessey (3)						
IG. 3-1 Holy Wine, 7-1 Duntash Flyer, Top Floo al Boad On Yer, 14-1 other:	r 8-1 Appyano, Fayo, 10-1 Eastern Purple 12-1 C					
1996: MYSTIC CIRCLE 6-3 N C	Streeton (7-4 lary J Watt 4 cm					
FORM FOCUS						
BD about 31 Sm of 11 to Flow B, in auction is a Brighton (7). firm) EASTERN PURPLE th of 17 to Bergen in auction steaden at act (8), good to firm) KAYO about 41 4th of	5%1 Eth of 18 to Princely Hear in marden at Rop (51 good to 6mm) TOP FLOOR about 3%1 5th of to Premiumo Pursual in auchon marden at Concas (61 good) GOOD ON YER about 111 3rd of 11					

3.00 c d Bramall LDV NURSERY HANDICAP

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201	(7)	1130	JACKERIN 20 (F,G) (J Young) B Rotmell 9-7 M. Fertins	
202	(11)	233244	SHARP CRACKER 8 (Mrs. I Pird) LL Johnston 9-6	
203	(1)	430	FUNDANCE 33 (A Watson) M Dods 9-4	
204	(8)	4605	NAPPROGN 25 (V) (Albert Investments) M Chancon 9-2 P P Morphy (3)	
395	(12)	366	CAPTAIN MCCLOY 16 (V) (Suntagartners) Mrs. J. Fransiden 8-11 D. McKerwin	
206	(3)	0014	LIMPLETSONS 32 (V.D.G.) (R Cook) 6 Oktrayo 8-9 X Hodgson	
207	(6)	5040	THE CANNE POVER 16 (Mrs E Rhand) M W Easterlay 8-8 G Parlam (3)	
208	(2)	040	REBALZA 48 (Bave Maple Patrecho) J Essate 6-8	
209	(5)	0602	ON THE MAT 21 (C Bagler Partnership Ltd) J J O'Neut 8-8 P Fessey (3)	
210	(9)	300	STAPLINER 19 (Northgale Lodge Partnerships) M British 8-6 _ K Darley	
211	(10)	630	WATCHMAN 16 (T Tate) T Tale B-4 A Culture	
212	(15)	601	SEMI CIRCLE 14 (D.G) (C Slevens) I Easterby 8-3 1. Charrock	
213	(13)		MISS MAIN STREET 14 (BF) (Main Street Partnershoot J.J. Dunin 8-2 G. Duffield	I
214	(14)		KITE 15 (C War) M Bell 7-13 R Mullen (5)	
215	(A)	0003	DANICHIS EM 32 (D Lampiouth) T Exterby 7-10 D Witcht	

1996: TOP OF THE WIND 9-7 X Fallon (7-2) J J O'Neil 8 ra

FORM	FOCUS
SHARP CRACKER about 2%1 4th of 16 to Mess Eliminator in aucline maiden all Beverley (St. good). UNINETSONIO beat Greenhorob 154 in 11-minus seller al Radicar (71, good). THE CARNEE ROWER 954 4th of 11 to Moontain Song in auclion maiden al Thirsk (71, good) with ON THE MAT 21 6th and DANCHIS ENI (71) better of) 154 8th. WATCHBAAN 2014; 3rd of 7 to Flower O'Carvie in	nonce event at Severtey (71 100yd, heavy) wit LINIETSORIA (10th worse off) 51 4b. SSMI CIR CLE beat Ribbit Assembly 1941 in 12-maret sell at Caterist (71, good to firm) with MISS MAI STREET (1th better off) about 294 44th. KIE about 51 3rd of 10 to The Homorable Lady in seller selection. MISS MAIN STREET

3.30 NORTH EAST AUTO TRADER APPRENTICE SELLING STAKES

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301			LATMAN 26 (B.BF,CD,F,G.S) () Bell) R Alba 10-9-12 R Winston	92		
302	(3)	4201535	SHERCY 8 (C.D.F.G) (Ness N Therager) S Kethewell 5-9-12 _ P Fredericks (3)	98		
303	(2)	0-00304	ESSAYETTSEE 19 (F.G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Revoley 8-9-6 A Micholis (5)			
304	(8)	907	PETRICO 58J (W Lathouse) P Beaumon 5-9-6	_		
305	(7)	-204320	SHABANAZ 16 (BF,O,F,6,5) (Fayzar Thoroughbred Ltd) W Mate 12-9-6 J Wildeson	97		
306	(6)	6-04	ICELEPOPSE 23J (6 Darley Racing Parlmership) A Metholiaed 4-9-1 X Sted	_		
307	(5)	000003	COCHTT 6 (B) (G Reed) C Thomson 3-8-4 P One (3)	83		
30ŝ	(4)			91		
BETTRIS: 9-4 Lahian, 11-4 Essayefiser, 7-2 Sherny, 9-2 Shaharaz, 12-1 Cochiti, 14-1 Kulepopsie, 33-1 Petrico.						
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1996: HE'S GOT WINGS 3-8-12 & Faulton: (8-13 tav) M Bell 7 can

MAN 11/1 2nd of 7 to Urged Reply in claimer amiltion (fin. 4d. good to firm). RIV about 3 3 of of 11 to Classic Ballet in ad states at Messectuary (fin. 4d. good to firm) ESSAVESTEE (4th better off) head 4th. BANAZ STEE (4th better off) head 4th. (fin. 31 144yd, good to lirm). KULEPOPSIE	171 4th of 5 to Truly Bay in as Southwell (71, Avy) COCKITY Foolest Putter in selling transface 41, pood). LADY MAGGIAN 11 Marenma in selling maden at Red to soft). Selection: LATVIAN

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4.00 SANDY BAY HOLIDAY PARK HANDICAP

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401	(11)	4145003	DIRAB 11 (BF,D,F,G,S) (A Gome) I Barron 4-10-0 Kimberley Hart (5)	Ę
402	(14)	0000042	CHARTER 30 (V.BF) (V Crandler (Equals) Us) W Storey 6-9-12 J Fanning	Į
403	(9)	0432124	TROLBY 25 (V,BF,D,F,S) (Mrs B Finch) G Richards 4-9 T E Durcan (3)	- 1
404	(1)	4433/00	CITTERN 16 (Camoustic Racing Club Ltd) Mrs M Raveley 7-9-9 A Colhane	
405	[13]	0211313	ALL ON 87 (BF.F.G.S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 6-9-7	- 1
406	(3)	30P/451	THUNDERHEART 19 (D.F.G.) (I Dalgleich) R Allan 6-9-4 D Griffiths (3)	4
407	(2)	00/60-D	HIGHERELD PET 14 (V) (Mrs P Taylor-Garthmate) C Falchurst 4-9-3 L Charmock	- (
406	(8)	-00114S	AURELIAN 11 (F) (M Fitzpessio) M Bell 3-8-13 M Festion	1
409	(6)	-550140	AMIARGE 18 (B.D.F.G.S) (J Woods) M British 7-8-13	
410	(12)	5/34353	BATABANOO 22 (F,G) (P Santh) Mrs M Revoley 8-8-12 K Darley	-
411	(10)	3533111	MOIGO DANN 16 (G,S) (Greenland Park Ltd) M. Johnston 3-8-12 J. Westver	-
412	(r)	115-000	BAYOUTOFTHEBLUE 11 (Dr C Emmerson) W Haigh 4-8-12 F Norton	
413	(4)	5065203	SWIFTWAY 16 (A White) K Hogg 3-8-9 D McKeown	8
414	5 1	80-6603	PENNY PEPPERMENT 42 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 5-7-10 P Fessey (3)	ŧ
Long	hande	apr Penny i	reppermint 7-7	

BETTING: 9-2 Traby 6-1 Charte, begg Down, 7-1 Dirab, Thundesheart, 8-1 AR On Auralan, 10-1 others 1996: SHIRLEY SUE 3-8-6 J Wester (5-2 pt bay) M Johnston 7 can

FORM FOCUS					
DIRAB Si 3rd of 7 to Here Comes. Herber in handicap at Redcar (2m., good to soft) with BATOUTOFTHERLIE (3b bester off) 391 7h. CHARTER 71 2nd of 7 to Laby Of the Lake in maiden handicap at Bath (2m 11, good) 7RLBP best Heste La Visto 71 in 7-timer handicap at Messablumph (2m. good to soft) with THLINDERNEART (11b bester off) 201 5th. ALL ON	beat Highlield Fiz: 91 in 9-munet handicap at Car- lesse (im 8; good to soft) with TREEY (16th betts off) 22 Fix. THE ART beat Beid Flect 11 in 15-muner handicap at Messeburgh (2m. good to firm). BATABANIO about 14 3rd of 11 to Arran Sport in handicap at Beveiley (2m. good to firm) Selection: TREEY				

4.30 NEP HANDICAP (F3 490: 70) 17 rimners

11	-	MEL L	PRINCIPLE (13,420. 11) (1 INITION)	
01	[6]	000-850	ROYAL MARK 25 (D.F.G.) (M Bonte's 5th Family 5 Meat) T Barron 4-10-0 J Carroll	85
1	(5)	4111543	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 9 (BF.D.J.S.) (E Vicennas) A Holleschard 4-9-10 D Graffiths (3)	95
33	(3)	00-4612	TROUAN HERO 34 (BF.F) (C Buckley) Mrs. M Revoley 6-9-2 A Custome	90
м	m	0116206	FAME AGAIN 12 (D.G.S.) (J. Parrissien) Mrs. J. Parrissien 5-8-10 M. Fenton	90
15	(4)	2112400	JEDI KNIGHT 16 (D.F.G) (K Hodeson) M W Easterby 3-8-7 L Characci.	92
96	(2)	06-3005	OCHOS RIOS 29 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. H. Jum.) B Rottmell E-8-1 . R Winston (7)	83
37	(1)	2000004	BE WARNED 3 (B,D,F,G) (N Reddell) M Dods 6-8-0 1 Williams	92
П			s Weigh, 7-2 Fame Again, 9-2 Ochos Ross, 5-1 Tropin Hero, Judi Knight, 7-1 Royal C	lari.

1996: TRECLERS FOLLY 4-9-0 I, Channeck (10-1) D Smith 7 ran FORM FOCUS

5.UU BOOTS AT THE METRO CENTRE LIMITED STAKES (£2,726: 1m 1f 9vd) (5 runners)

601			SHAMOON 23 (Massia Investment: Ltd) F Watton 5-9-3 Kimberley Hart (5) 5	
602	(4)	0010343	PRIDE OF PERDLE 6 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs L Miller) M Mane 8-9-2 . J Carroll (T
603			GUEENS CONSUL 8 (F.6) (Mass H Devision) B Authorit 7-9-2 M Ferdon 9	ŧ
604	(1)		MIGHT MIRACE 4 (D.F.G.) (Air & Mis. G Mindelsbrook) M. Johnston 3-8-10. J Westver.	
505	(2)	000-12	MESSFORTUNA 14 (BF,F) (SI John Collies) M Prescott 3-8-8 G Duffield (X
BETT)	16 . P	4 Printe DI	Perotte, 9-4 Magtal Minago: 3-1 Missiontona. 6-1 Camers Consul 66-1 Shantalan.	
			1998: WORTE PLANS 3-8-11 R Mollen (3-1) M Bed 5 mm	

FORM FOCUS

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MacLaurin sets new standard for cricket Omens look good for

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A REFORMED county championship building to September play-offs, smaller county staffs and a streamlined one-day structure are the most eye-catching proposals in the strategic plan for cricket unveiled at Lord's yesterday by the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Lord MacLaurin of

It is behind the shop window, however, at the neglected lower levels of the game, that the long-awaited report of Lord MacLaurin and his chief executive. Tim Lamb, will make its most significant inpact. At long last, there will be a realistic conveyor belt from recreational to professional cricker, theoretically overcoming the disincentives of pursuing the game as a career.

A negative response to the blueprint would be cheap and easy. By the admission of Lord MacLaurin himself "it is not ideal" and the proposed threedivision championship is, at first glance, so original as to be bewildering. It will also seem curious that the volume of domestic one-day cricket is to he increased rather than decreased.

However, considering the constraints of player welfare and passionate parochial demands within the professional circuit, the county programme recommended is attractive and ingenious. while the improvements to the feeder systems have enormous

Certainly, no one can accuse Lord MacLaurin and Lamb of complacency in their research or of amateurism in their approach. Their presentation of the document, entitled Raising the Standards, was slick and dramatic. Their words were polished and pointed.

There is no quick fix when it comes to addressing the issues of cricket," Lord Mac-Laurin said. "We have to build from the foundations up and changing the structure alone is not enough. We have to raise the standards of management and coaching. We need to be more professional and disciplined."

Lumb went farther, spelling out to the county delegates, on whom the plan will stand or fail, the consequences of rejection. "Football is capturing the

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- Second XI and Minor Counties cricket to be prered into 38-team championship by the year 2000

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middle classes," he said, "We are in danger of becoming a

minor spectator sport." This was a stark warning from a man who has spent the past year in a massive process of consultation at all levels of the game. He knew, from early in the assignment, that the popular panacea of a twodivision championship, with promotion and relegation, would founder on the rocks of timid. reactionary counties. From then on, it was a case of finding a formula that emappreciable change

ship against county one-day

These, at long last, are to be reduced from three to two. The Board is contracted to stage one further year of the Benson and Hedges Cup but it will then be abolished. The Sunday league, in its present form. will also cease to exist in 1999. Instead, finishing positions

in the Sunday league next year will dictate the divisions for a new National League. This will be played over the globally accepted 50-overs span, rather than the derided 40. and it will not be restricted to a Where the championship is specific day of the week.

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concerned, the outcome is plainly a halfway house. The conference system, in which each group of six does not play games against each other, may seem illogical but Lamb believes it has a number of virtues, not least the guar-anteed preservation of 18 counties, when the weakest might conceivably have gone to the wall in the more hostile world of two fluid divisions. Local derbies will also be

preserved, and there is considerable appeal in the September play-offs to decide placings from one to 18. Prize-money is to be substantially improved. certainly enough to maintain the primacy of the champion-

Controversially, the blueprint proposes that each county will play 25 National League games - two against each side in their own division and one against each in the other. This is a blatant marketing ploy, balancing the acknowledgement that championship cricket must be run at a loss with the requirement to raise money from television rights. In this aim, at least, the format should

A single knockout tournament will operate from 1999 and Lamb suggested it would become the FA Cup of cricket. There will be 60 teams involved, including what are now the Minor Counties and second XIs of first-class sides. Two qualifying rounds involving the minnows will produce 14 teams to join the senior counties in the third round, at which point the non first-class

sides will, gratifyingly, be guaranteed a home draw. By 3000, it is envisaged that the minor counties and second XI championships will be phased out and replaced by a single tournament involving 38 Board teams - a more authentic link between club and county cricket and a means to the end of reducing county staffs.

At university level, Oxford and Cambridge are to retain their first-class status for at least one more season and, depending on performance, could even be joined by other deserving universities in a league tournament.

Club cricket is to be encouraged to form elite groups of clubs, geographically linked, into premier leagues - a proposal that is bound to meet resistance from the jealously guarded existing leagues in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Age-group cricket will focus on under-17s, at which level two-day, one-innings games are to be encouraged, and an extension of the Kwik Cricket principle into senior schools is also envisaged as one more part of the most comprehensive and impressive structural plan ever presented. Cricket must embrace it, or forever rue the consequences.



Pointing the way: Lord MacLaurin outlines his proposals at Lord's yesterday

Atherton prepares in private

BY IVO TENNANT

MICHAEL ATHERTON, the England captain, had an hour-long private net at Trent Bridge yesterday with his predecessor, Graham Gooch. Now working as a selector, Gooch had been invited to practise with the players by David Lloyd. "After all, he has some time on his hands now

he has retired," the coach said. The other England players joined them later, although Darren Gough, who has a sore knee, confined himself to batting. He will have a fitness test today, but is expected to be fit for the fifth Test against Australia, which starts tomorparty are being retained until then. David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, concurred with the Australians' estimation that this is likely

to be the best pitch of the Both Hollioakes will make their Test debuts. "If I believe my own press I will be going down the wrong channel." Adam said. "To some extent we are coming into the match cold as the rule in the pavilion at Surrey is that there is no television during the hours of play. So we have not seen much of the series so far." His younger brother, Ben, added: "I could not imagine making

my debut in a bigger situa-

Australia will field an unchanged side. Mark Taylor's back injury having improved after a few days' rest. Steve Waugh, the vice-captain, said that England's decision to play both Hollioakes was a bold one. "They have been picked for their attitude and temperament more than anything. Ben is obviously not ruffled by pressure," he said. Shane Warne would not

comment on his negotiations to play county cricket next year, but he is thought to have received at least one offer of more than £100.000.

Glamorgan title hopes

BY SIMON WILDE

FOR all the talk of the closeness of the race for the Britannic Assurance county championship - and it is close — and the scope for teams to frise swiftly up the table, recent history suggests that Glamor-gan, the leaders, are in a strong position. In three of the four years since the competition switched exclusively to four-day matches, the ream leading the table in the first week in August has held on to

win the title.

The only champions to be trailing at this stage were Warwickshire, when they won the second of their back-to-back titles in 1995. On August 7, they were 22 points behit nos-Northamptonshire but possessed a game in hand that they put to good use a fort-night later, though they did not in fact move to the top until

the last day of the month. Now, Glamorgan hold a ten-point lead over their nearest rivals, but there are likely to be one or two twists yet before the race is run as the Welsh county, who last won the championship under Tony Lewis in 1969, are not involved

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in the round of matches that start today. They will watch with interest the progress of the chasing pack, only one of whom, Middlesex, who are a distant eighth, have a game in

Matthew Maynard's team also have one of the easier runins, having already played five of the leading six sides. Only Yorkshire, who have risen to fifth with efficient performances against Durham and Northamptonshire, but also do not play today, have a comparable finish.

Kent and Essex, meanwhile, have each to play three of their rivals, starting today when they meet at Canterbury in what is undoubtedly the match of the round. Kent will be without Headley and Essex without Hussain, both in-

volved with England. Of the others, Gloucester shire can return to the top with a comprehensive victory over a thinly resourced Somerset at Taunton, while Warwickshire. fresh from their rout of Sussex, travel to Blackpool to tackle Lancashire. Ostler is expected to open for Warwickshire in the absence of the injured Knight and Moles.

Perfect grip is schoolboy stuff

ual grip is so straightforward that it is hard to imagine it was conceived as part of a school project. After a series of tests, it is now on the market and Neil Smith, the Warwickshire all-rounder who is endorsing the product, believes it can also assist in coaching.

He was approached by Stuart Sanderson, a former colleague at Learnington Cricket Club, whose son was responsible for the idea. The rubber is rolled on to the handle, heated until it changes colour and gripped by the batsman to leave an imprint that remains

Smith said: "I found originally that the ridges between the finger holds were too big and restrictive, but now I am using a thinner rubber and it is extremely comfortable. On our coaching courses over the winter we do 90 minutes on grip, stance and backlift, but that can get forgotten when the kids go away. With the handle moulded to the correct grip it is no longer a problem."

Close encounter

So much for neighbourly friendship. Gloucestershire have written to Somerset in protest at a decision not to allow members of the visiting club into the pavilion at Taunton during the Axa Life League game on Sunday, "We feel disappointed that Somerset have imposed restrictions on our members," Colin

ever, Peter Anderson, his counterpart at Somerset, said: We only have 600 seats in front of the pavilion and we feel our members should be able to use them for the say that they are unlikely to reciprocate when Somerset visit next season.

Kunning story A hand-written, 1.000-word

account by Michael Atherton of his match-saving unbeaten 185 against South Africa in 1995 is up for sale. Proceeds be split between Atherton's benefit fund and the pavilion restoration appeal at Hinton Charterhouse Cricket Club, near Bath.

Trevor Vennett-Smith, an auctioneer specialising in sporting memorabilia, said: "I think Atherton pieces will be considered highly collectable in the future, because he is the longest-serving England captain and, in particular, this refers to one of the greatest defensive innings in Test history. In 100 years' time it will be considered a museum piece." Offers to Box 672, 25 Down Road, Merrow, Guild-ford, Surrey, GUI 2PY.

Winning team

Bruton Cricket Club, from Somerset, is showing what can be achieved with cooperation between the county. schools, the local authority In the four vears of their



development programme, they have set up three junior teams with regular coaching. guided four boys into Some set youth teams and helped to fund a bowling machine and an all-weather pitch. Five of their members have become qualified coaches. The men's team has also won two successive promotions.

Changing times

ing for the better. The fact that certain counties would like to pull their players out of England under-19 games to play in the championship is evidence of a general commitment to youth. Contrast this with the case of Mathew Dowman. In 1993, he scored a record 267 against West Indies Under-19 - but was not chosen for the next Nottinghamshire game. against Durham.

Fast healer

Two years ago Alex Wylie, a promising fast bowler with Womestershire was forced in lems. Sensing improvement last winter, he built up his strength in consultation with a sports specialist at Lilleshall and decided to have another

Tom Moody, a former colleague, persuaded Dennis Lillee to take a look at his action while Wylie was in Australia. Now 24, Wylie believes he is clear of problems. He has played for the second team at Worcester and will discover next month whether he has done enough to earn a contract next season.

Managing nicely:

Long Eaton Cricket Club's under-15 side went through last season without a win; this time they have reached the national rounds of the Milfern Trophy as champions of the Derbyshire section. Dean Cooper, who took on sole responsibility for managing the side at the start of the campaign, has every reason to feel proud — particularly as he is just 17.

Spelling test

If David Beckham was aggrieved at the misspelling of the name on his shirt for the FA Charity Shield on Sunday. then imagine how Shaud Young must feel. The Glouces is tershire all-rounder has drive en a sponsored car spelling his first name S-E-A-N for the entire summer.

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unbeaten 548 The opener was surrounded by television cameras at the their joint effort at start of play close of play yesterday, receive on Monday, and this is only ing congratulations as though the second time in Test history the individual record were that two batteren have batted already his. He appeared in-daunted by the standard that

he has set himself.
"We went in with a hig task, initially to save the follow-on." Jayasuriya said. but, as the innings progressed. I never set sights on breaking records Just played my natural game: and tried my best, facing it ball by ball. I'll come back tomorrow and see what

Mahanama is in the umisual position of having scored a and even experienced bowlers double-century to relatively such as And Kumble ended little acclaim. However, his the lourin day with figures innings is the more crucial for that he would rather forget. his future. His last Test century came in August 1993. As the partnership grew

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Nilesh Kulkarni, the India lefterm entires more more house.

left-arm spirmer, must have thought that he was going to enjoy his introduction to Test cricket, as he took the only wicket to fall with his first delivery, dismissing Marvin Attapatu for 26. Reality. however, has now hit hard,

Javasuriya survived a close leg-before call yesterday and Mahanama was granted a yesterday, milestones were second life thanks to a missed

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Most disappointing on a day of celebration for Sri Lankan cricket was the pitiful number of spectators there to wimess it. This was in stark contrast to the packed stands for the Asia Cup one-day tournament just a fortnight

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FALL OF WICKET: 1-39. Umpires: K.T. Francis (Sr. Lanka) and S.G. Randell (Australia). Mendis, the Sri Lanka team manager, who looked on with a contented smile.

The pair's team-mates took on the role of cheering spectators and there were frequent sightings of Arjuna Ranatunga on the balcony wearing only a towel wrapped around his middle. It was obvious that he had given up any idea of batting for the day. One man accustomed to

taking the Sri Lanka batting honours is Aravinda De Silva. who has now spent two days padded up and waiting. That his own personal record of 267
— the highest score for a Sri Lankan in Test cricket - went by the wayside did not appear to concern him. The record that, no doubt, gave the pair, and the team, most pleasure was the beating of the previous highest Test partnership - 467, by Martin Crowe and Andrew Jones in Wellington

Lanka were the opponents. Whether or not Jayasuriya passes Lara's total today, many more records are there to be broken, with even the highest innings of a team in Test cricket (903) now appearing on the horizon. Certainly, Jayasuriya is not overburdened by the weight of expectation. "I always sleep well. Tonight is no exception," he said before departing the ground yesterday evening.

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Jayasuriya celebrates reaching 300 yesterday

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Best of British face tough task

By Christopher Irvine

IN less than three months. Great Britain embark on a three-match series against Australia that has the look of Christians and lions after the lopsided results in the world club championship.

The somewhat false impression is that the domestic game is in irreversible decline and that Britain might as well not bother turning up at Wembley. Old Trafford and Elland Road in November. Whereas deficiencies were highlighted only every two years in the international arena, 52 losses in 60 world dub championship matches have magnified them disproportionately.

A shortage of skilled players and lack of intensity of competition, compared with Austra-lia and New Zealand, has been shown in sometimes gruesome close-up. The tenth best Australasian side beating Britain's tenth best was hardly a revelation: their bottom team hammering our top one was. The gap between the hemispheres visibly widened in the 64-14 defeat of Bradford Bulls by Auckland Warriors.

The round-robin system was unwieldy, iniquitous to Australian sides who lost only once, or in Penrith's case won all six matches and were still eliminated, but it was designed to deliver four clubs each from Europe and Australasia into a knockout format. Were a British contender to emerge in the final in

Auckland, on October 18, they will have earned the right. It sounds patronising after a 54-10 win, but Wayne Bennett, the Brisbane Broncos coach, said at Thrum Hall on Monday that Halifax Blue Sox had improved immeasurably on the first leg. The score read better than 76-0. At that rate.

Halifax might give Brisbane a game by the millennium. "Sure, there's a gap, but it would be wider without this championship," Bennett said. Teams here are learning and it'll have been an invaluable experience for them. At the top end, English clubs are not that far off the money. If you put Wigan and London Broncos in the Australian competition. they might struggle for a couple of years, as all newcom-

ers do, but they'd come good." Bennett is far from convinced that the international series this autumn will be a foregone conclusion. He singled out the Wigan trio of Andy Farrell, Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly as players of genuine world class and liked what he saw at Leeds of Adrian Morley and Marvin Golden, two youngsters with bright futures.

Despite the wreckage at club level, Great Britain, as past experience has shown. can usually put out a competitive side, one fully capable of the customary single win at Australia's expense, but per-

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(WPBSA), which has placed

paramount importance on the

search for sponsors, began

delivering the goods yester-day when it was announced

Last year the UK championship was one of a number of unsponsored tournaments on the professional circuit, even though it enjoyed extensive television coverage on the BBC. This year the event, at Preston Guild Hall in November, offers a total prizefund of £440,000, with £75,000

going to the winner. This agreement shows that our sport has plenty to offer as a sponsorship vehicle for major companies," Rex Williams, the WPBSA chairman, said.

WORD-WATCHING

(b) An obelisk or columnar monument, specifically used for the ancient Buddhist columns of Eastern India. From the Hindi lat or lath a staff or pole. The oldest authentic examples of these lats that we are acquainted with are those which King Asoka set up."

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Briton puts fitness doubts behind him in defence of crown

Edwards leaps into unknown

FROM ROB HUGHES IN ATHENS

BY THE time Britain awakes this morning, we should know whether Jonathan Edwards is in lit shape to defend his world triple jump crown - indeed whether he, and only he, can repeat the exercise of capturing gold in an athletic discipline for the United Kingdom on a global stage.

Yesterday, looking every inch the articled clerk in his spectacles and his beachwear. this remarkable competitor admitted that he felt the weight of expectation. "It is important. At the Atlanta Olympics, we lacked gold, so I know that today, and hopefully the final on Friday, are important to myself, my family, but also for British athletics," he said.

"I haven't jumped for five weeks, so I cannot say the heel injury is completely gone. I'm aware of it though not in constant pain, because an injury lingers in the mind. In that respect, this morning will be a bit of a step in the dark. but I'm not worried. I'm ready otherwise I wouldn't be here."

Put yourself in the picture. It is 6.15am British Summer Time, 8.15 in Athens. The Olympic stadium echoes to emptiness, its vast expanse of 52,000 white seats glistening in the early morning sun. In this soulless atmosphere, Charles Austin, the American world record-holder, had failed to qualify in the high jump earlier in the week.

And, although Edwards arrived in the Greek capital only on Monday night, he came very much aware and prepared for the breathtaking indifference of the Greeks, the founders of athletics, to attend

If that suggests some spectator resistance to the decision of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to bring the world championships around on a two-year instead of a four-year cycle, then Edwards, our one defending champion, defends his sport. "I personally think

it's not a bad idea," he reasons. Golf has four majors in a year, tennis has ten majors. So, in those sports, the competitors accept a lot of pressure. OK, when you push yourself to the limit, there is always a chance of injury, but as a professional, I see nothing



On the eve of qualification for the world championship triple jump final, Edwards admits that he is nervous

wrong in being asked at least once a season to accept that ultimate pressure

That said, this 31-year-old vicar's son looked taut and a little anxious yesterday. It could, of course, be pre-competition nerves, for he admits that there is always anxiety before coming out to qualify.

"It is a nerve-wracking experience at any time," Edwards And, in my case, it would be history if I failed to qualify. I may take one jump to reach the mark, I'm pre-pared to make it three, but I jumped a little bit off a short approach in training last week and had no problems at all."

He says, with his one, rehearsed attempt at bravado. that the fire inside him is ready to be rekindled, that anybody who wants to beat him is in for the hardest of fights. He watched the wornen's triple jump - in which what crowd there was became captivated as Sarka Kasparkova, from the Czech Repub-

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lic, surprised and defeated the delightful Romanian, Rodica Mateescu. "The wind seems to plow around in the face." Edwards observed, "but the track appears very, very fast. As the women have shown, it

distances. Possible to beat his American adversary, Kenny Harrison? "He and I are a reasonable bit ahead of the rest of the world. Edwards said. "I have the world title, he

is possible to jump good

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has the Olympic title, and I would say, to win here, I have to jump one centimetre further than Kenny Harrison."

As we listen, one is aware that Edwards is still, essentially, a private man, who formerly worked as a PE teacher and who has worn the glitter of gold and accrued the fortune that goes with it while still retaining an aura of ordinariness. That, indeed, is his triumph, the quality of mind and approach to life that questions whether what he does — hop, step and jump into a pit of sand — is really all that worthwhile, compared as he once asked, with doctors in

You cannot shake his conviction that he has this one phenomenal gift, and why would you try when it has propelled him farther than any other man has gone -18.29 metres from the take-off to the heels in the sand.

The only illegal thing he may have done in his life is to jump even farther than that

with wind assistance. Yet he is aware of the dubious practices of others.

He may face the Jamaican, James Beckford, who was given an amnesty from a three-month ban for taking a stimulant as a consequence of the IAAF's acquiescence to drug abusers. "I was quite surprised," Edwards admitted. "It's difficult, because, as we have seen in England. there can be cases of a faulty

"But the reduction in bans for drug taking does send out the wrong message. Really, the IAAF is caught between a rinciple, I disagree with what it has done, but I can see the other side, the litigation that is making it so difficult."

A clean athlete, clear in his mind that he has overcome the injuries, protected today by heel cups that are slightly more cushioned, he leaps for the country, for himself, for the integrity of a sport. May the gods be with him.

FORM GUIDE

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A look at past predictions

Maggie Philibin, Howard Stableford and other veterans of Tomorrow's World (the TW of the title) recall choice moments from a series that has been running for 33 years. Most entertainingly, it picks up on some of those ideas which seemed bright enough at the time but somebow never made it. Such as a stepladder which converted into an ironing board or a rubber plant doubling as a tele-vision aerial. Some of the show's predictions have been equally wide of the mark. In 1965 Raymond Baxter (and the footage has raivived to haunt him) presented Tomorrow's Girl, a gorgeous creature with a nylon wig instead of hair and wearing a paper shirt and plastic jacket and skirt. Of greater weight is the story of a cheese maker from Scot-land, who was inspired by a Tomorrow's World item to start a chain of breast screening clinics.

Small Miracles: The Foul Smell of Success Channel 5, 7.30pm

A series on creepy-crawlies may seem odd fare for A series on creepy-crawlies may seem odd fare for peaktime viewing but trust Channel 5 to do the unorthodox. First up is the shield bug, which not only creeps and crawls but gives off a terrible smell. Indeed that is part of its strategy for survival. It is also said to taste disgusting, so this is obviously not a programme to be watched while eating. The good news is that the shield bug does little damage to crops and can help to control some pests which do. The film employs the usual wildlife format of following the subject through its annual cycle of mating and reproduction, all shown in impressive close-up by the patient cameraman, Jonathan Wans. But the poor creature does not enjoy much of an existence. Winter is spent in hibernation and one year's adults will be dead by the end of the next.

One Foot in the Past

Mancunians are presumably aware of the story of the Old Wellington Im and the proposal to move it just 200 yards closer to the city's cathedral. For the rest of us it is another of those heritage stories which this programme manages to dig up with satisfying regularity. The case for shifting the



Raymond Baxter reflects (BBCl, 7.30pm)

splendid Tudor inn is less dotty than it sounds when the camera pulls back to reveal it surrounded by 1970s concrete brutalism. But for traditionalists the resiting will mean the end of a great Manchester landmark. Meanwhile, at Bosham on the Sussex coast, the actor Patrick Macnee, now a resident of Palm Springs, goes all tyrical over a resident of Palm Springs, goes all tyrical over a favourite bolt hole from The Avengers days. In more combative mood the Scotish sculpton Alexander Stoddart, puts the case for a revival of

Inside Story: The Cult BBC1, 10.00pm

Rachel Coughlan's film pieces together the story of the Heaven's Gare Cult, which made grim news at the beginning of the year when 39 of its members committed suicide in San Diego. Founded more than 20 years ago, the cult was built around a mixture of new ageism, science fiction and Christianity and promised its followers entry into the Kingdom of Heaven without having to die first. All contact with friends and family ceased as members were prepared for a level above the human. The leader was seen by his adherents as a 20th-century Jesus. To others he was suffering from a delusional mental illness. Former members, including one who left just before the suicides, describe being mesmerised by the prospect of a new life. Not even the tragedy of San Diego has shaken their belief. Peter Waymark.

It's not just the cutting up of Bentham, the 18th / 19th century philosopher and law reformer, that the historian Ruth Richardson examines in a

documentary which, given its subject matter, can't avoid being a bit gruesome now and again. It's also the dissection of a society in which murderous

body snatchers provided surgeons with corpses and, more revoltingly, a society in which the living poor could legally be anatomised so that the rich could benefit and enjoy healthier lives. Bentham's body, stuffed for verisimilitude, seated and with

women head, is still on view at University College. London. He authorised his own post-mortem

dissection to draw attention to the procurement of corners for anatomy.

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The Dissection of Jeremy Bentham

Radio 4, 7.20pm

corpses for anatomy.

Thicker than Water Radio 2, 9.30pm

On television, telling Albert Roux apart from his younger brother Michel presents no problem. On radio, it is less easy. I think I can help you: Michel sounds like Charles Boyer. Albert doesn't. Both are chefs par excellence. It is to dissover what united the part of the problem of the part of them as well as what divides them that Sarah Kennedy questions them tonight. Michel's favourite food smell is fresh fish. Albert selects chips fried in dripping, emobled with sauce. Albert's Christmas menu would feature smoked salmon, caviare and turkey. Michel's would include oysters. and goose. They never ask each other for culinary advice. Michel likes British pub food, especially soup. Both abhor invasive music in restaurants. All together now — "And so say all of us!" :

RADIO 1

At times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Athletics Championshipe 7.30 Sport 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Meridian Live 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Anniversary Concert 16.96 Businese 16.15 Familing 16.30 Science 16.45 Sport 11.30 One Pienet 12.30pes Sport 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain 1.30 Science 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Meganitx 4.05 Sport 4.15 Parformance 4.30. News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 The World 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain 10.06y 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 E.O.O.C. 1.45 Britain 2.30 Ormitois 3.30 Meridian Books 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe 1 7.00am Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Mark Goodler †1.30 Radio 1 Roadshow. Live from Southend 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Writtey 2.00pm Nocky Cambbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Global Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00mm Claire Sturgess 4.00 Chris Movies

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TALK RADIO

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compositional resources in his 8 minor Mass (f)
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BWV232, Credo; Sanctus; Benedictus; Agrus Dai)
9.55 Five Poems for 50 Years: The Wind Dog, by
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someone weering hobneiled boots (r)
10.15 Zoltan Kodally. Due for violin and cello, Op. 7,
Performed by Anthony Manwood, violin, Louise
Hopkins, cello (f)

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10.45 The Envy of the World, Humphrey Carpentes confinues his look at the history of The Third

CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Sally Peterson 6.00 Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listenes' Requests 2.00 Classic Concerto, Hummal (Pieno Concerto in B minor, Op 89); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor, Op74) 2.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic

Newsnight 7.30 Soriata. Delius (Violin Sonata No 3) 8.00 Classic Evening Concert, Ivanov (Caucasian Skatches); Viasov (Five Pieces for Violin and Piano); Beethoven (Ffiano Concerto No 3 in C minor); Protoriew (Watz Suite, Op 110) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Classic Concerto (r)

7.30 BBC Proms 97. Live from the Albert Hall. Susan Chilott, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, John Mark Ainsiey, tenor, Gerald Finley, bess, Choir and Orchestra of the English Concert, under Trevor Pinnock, Bach (Mass in 8 minor, BWV232, Kyris; Glors) 8.20 Bach the Recycler. George Pratt explores Bach's redevelopment of his compositional resources in his 8 minor Mass (f) 8.40 Concert part have Parth (Mass in 8 minor

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in E minor, Op 6 No 3);
Delius (Brigg Fair); Vivaldi (Saive Regina, RV616);
Bach (French Suite No 4 in E tat, BWV815);
Rachmaninov (Preludes, Op 23; No 2 in B flat; No 5 in G minor; No 7 in C minor); Fauré, orch
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9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Nielsen (Overture: Helios); Rigetii (Dibit Dominus); Rechmaninov (Symphonic Denoes)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson, Includes Bull (Pertassis Sedi Toni); Smetana (Plano Trio in G minor, 1st mvt); Melcolim Amold (Fantasy in A); Franck (Fantasy in A); Britten (Sanctus, War Requiem); Schumann (Sanctus, War Requiem); Schumann (Humoresque, Op 20)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Brahms
1.00pm News; Bhraingham Lunchtime Concent.
Gould Trio. Frank Martin (Trio on Irish Folk Songs); Brahms (Pieno Trio No 2 in C minor, Op 87 (i)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Last Sunday's concert featuring Tasmin Little, violin, David Jemes, countertenor, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, under Alexander Lazrez. Glinia (Capricolo Brillarde on Jota Aragonesa); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor); Kanceria (Symphony No 3) Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimmin) (f)
3.45 Pletner Planys Mazzart and Scriablin. A plano recital Includes Moczat (Variations In F, K54); Scriabin (Deux Morceau, 57)
4.00 Choral Evenaong, Live from Durham Cathedral, sung by the RSCM Cathedral Course.

continues his look at the bistory of The Third Programme and Radio 3 (f)
11.30 Prom Composer of the Weels: Honegger (f)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather continues his survey of trumpeters. Tonight he profiles Chet-Baker and Bitly Butterfield
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Beath Philiparmodic, under Claudio Abbado. With Radu Lupu, piano, Brainns (Plano. Concerto No 1 in D minor, Symphony No 1 in C. minor) 2.45 Lia Aliville, soprano, and Carla Seider, piano, perform songs by Freitas Branco, Francisco Lacerds, Freiderfon Mongou, Cristopal-Haiffer, David de Souza, Fauré and Dupaco 3.55 Suisse Romande Octhestre, Mario Verzago, With Frank Peter Zimmermann, violin. Liget (Violin-Concerto); Schumann (Symphony No 3 in E fist, Rhenish) 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today. Includes Thought for the Day 8.45 Core Coren. Times columnist Alan Coren read extracts from his new book 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Arthony Clare interviews the historian

Delaney compares the summers he spent growing up in Tipperary with those he spends in Rely as an adult (2/4)

10.00 News; A Good Read. Jo Brand and the Times

10.00 News; A Good need, up cand and the Impes columnist Jonathan Meades discuss their favourite paperbacks with Thomas Suitcliffe 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour (FM), with Diena Madill 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Nigal Colborn: Bob Flowerday, Pippa Greenwood and Eric Robern (6)

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12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Protesting Too Much, by Kate Brooke and Sally Philips. With John Forture, Elegencr Bron and Louisa Milwood-Heigh (2/6) 12.55 Weether

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2.00 News; Love Divine, by Martyn Wade. A three-part serial about the sile of the founding tether of Methodism, John Wisley (1/3)
2.45 Countdown. The Egyptian author Adhai Soueif reflects on changes for women (6/10)
3.00 The Attennoon Shift, with Date Brehan
4.05 Kalektoscope, Paul Gambacchi sees the film weeks on of Mr. Baen starting Shiwan Atticacop.

version of Mr Bean staining Rowan Alkinson

4.45 Short Story: Dying to Tell You, by Tony Warren Fleed by Arthur Smith (f)
5.00 PM, with Jon Sopel and Nigel Wrench 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Round British Quiz. Nick Clarke chairs the cryptic quiz (f)
7.00 News-7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Distortion of Leaster Breathers

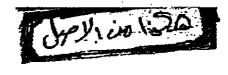
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Reading Aloud: Work. Happer or scrubber which land of cleaner are you? Brenda Blethy water one or generare you? Brands Biethyn reads from Billing the Dust, by Margaret Horsfield. (2/6) te of Departure. A series of six talks by

8.35 Points of Departime. A series of at tails by ournalists who have won the James Cerneron Memorial Prize, Maggie O'Kene draws on her coverage of the war in Bosnie (2/6).

9.00 Costing the Earth. Jeremy Charitas looks at what integrated transport means and assesses the fisks of the public's love affair with the or (2/6).

9.20 Kateldoscope (1) 9.39 Weather:
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Hams:
10.45 Books at Bedtime; Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield (8/10) (f).
11.00 Dry Slopes. The last of a cornedy series written by and staning Nick Bail. With Louise Re. Robert Harley and Wayne Forester.
11.30 And I Am the Quiest of Shebia. Ken Livingstons. MP. Chairs the panel game about lies, cheating, and decai. With quests Tony Hawks, Hattle Hayridge, Nel Mullimbry and Mark Spec (f).
12.90 Mears. 12.30 am The Labs Books Stichess, by Barasca Yoshbook. Read by Epsig Nool (3/5) (f).

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Sorry, but there's a surfeit of sad Soviets ocumentaries about work out what we were in for. I'm there, accompanied more recently Mother Russia currently not sure whether it was the snowy by the inevitable Gulag feature Mother Russia currently come in two styles. The expanse or the little black strip first involves a lot of smug-looking. across the bottom of the screen for former KGB men, cheerfully saysubtitles that provided the first ing anything you want in exchange for American dollars. The bonus

clue. But any lingering doubts were removed by the first bars of for film-makers drawn to this Dan Jones's score, which anyformat is that many of the KGB of-ficials speak good English; thus dispensing with the need for subwhere else might have been rather beautiful but here smacked of pastiche. Violins and haunting titles and giving the film maker a sporting chance of keeping his or her audience for the duration. cherus meant only our thing. If
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This involves a lot of sad-looking even shame about adopting such a knocking sent. This, after all was the story of the Great Stalin telling you everything they want you to hear in exchange for who Railway, the son-building of knows what Vodka? A good meal? which cost the lives of an estimated As last night's True Stories Death 60,000 100,000 slave labourers. As last night's true stories Death of the point is that while the railway there are no bonuses; for film; itself will have been news to many makers in this format and precious of us, life in Storian prison camps few for those who watch it.

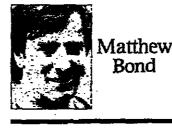
It didn't take a five-year plan to powerful Gulag literature out

film. And with them, rightly or wrongly, came the Gulag cliches. many of which were embraced by Tom Roberts's film.

Snowy landscapes bled of colour, sad violins, cameras tracking through ruined wooden buildings - we have been here too many times for the familiar stories of starvation, deprivation and terrible cruelty to have much impact. Especially when thin material is stretched out to fill 90 minutes.

lo be lair, history was against Roberts. When the ill-con-L ceived project was finally cancelled (just 20 days after Stalin's death) the prisoners' last task was to remove the rails they had already laid, a job which deprived Roberts of atmospheric shots of frost-buckled track stretching across the tundra. As a result, the lew bits he did find, together

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with the occasional wrecked steam train, we saw many times. In between, it was back to the gloomy men in gloomy rooms. I think you've got the picture.

Over on BBCl, there was a

similar predictability to Wildlife on One. As is widely known, BBC wildlife documentaries also now come in only two varieties, the expensive ones that David Attenborough actually appears in and he simply provides the narration. Wild Boar - King of the Wildwood was one of the latter. I had hoped that this was going

to be about British wild boar. which in recent manins have been causing a stir in the south of England by escaping from the enclosures where they are farmed for the meat and generally doing the sort of damage that a rusked animal, three times the weight of a man and the height of a St Bernard dog, can. But apart from a mocked-up boar hunt at the start and a token mention at the end. British boars didn't get a tusk in. This was about Poiish and

Russian wild boar. Cue snow, violins and a lot of gloomy boars in gloomy sties? Thankfully not. Snow there was (it was winter, for goodness sake), but it was accompanied by a characteristically upbeat Attenborough and some lovely pictures of wild bear getting on with what wild boar do, which is basically fighting (which they do from an early age) and reproducing (which they get to a little later).

ictures of a heavily pregnant and ferociously bad-tem-pered sow building her nest were particularly memorable. So too, alas, was Attenborough's occasionally excruciating script, where the words had to follow the available pictures - however tortuous the result. Apart from umpteen variations on the fighting theme, my favourite was a left-over shot of a green woodpecker, thrown in to fill a few seconds. "Like the wild boar," intoned Attenborough, "the green wood-pecker takes time selecting their final nesting tree - but once they have decided on it, they build," I felt happier, knowing that.

Round at Albert Square, East-Enders (BBCI) is looking brighter than it has for some time. Bianca ambitions and appointed herself his manager; Barry is clearly cruising for the most delicious emotional bruising at the hands of the scary Vanessa, his newly intended; and the Mitchell brothers are again primed for a spot of summer infidelity: Grant with the flirtatious Annie (Nadia Sawalha) and Phil with the brazen Lorna Baner Dibley). Sawalha's arrival in Walford

has heralded a new surefootedness in EastEnders casting, which Dibley and Adele Salem as Vanessa have done nothing to dispel. They're all grown-up women, which makes a refreshing change from troubled teenagers, but more importantly they all have a commanding screen presence that injects energy not just into their scenes but those that surround it. Mind you, it would probably take all three of them to cheer up Ted Hills.

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wannabes go through their pages (1) Howard Stableford with updates on inventions seen on Tomorrow's World 1 17. Raymond Baxter spotlights the year of Concorde's first commercial light (F)

B.00 The National Lottery Live With music by Lewis Taylor (778285). 8.15 Selection Box: Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em Celebrity tans share their memories

of the cornedy series (1) (564506) 8.50 Points of View (1) (936322) 9.00 News (1) and weather (2983) 9.29 National Lottery Update (122728) 9.30 Man Behaving Badty Garyseels his age

when Deborah starts hanging out with the student crowd (r]-(1) (68457)

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10.50 The X Files Double-bill: Humbug and

The Calusari, With David Duchovny and Gillan Anderson (r) (T) (6718099).

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and Shelley Winters. A men is gradually
compled by his slum environment and
becomes a member of a victois gang Gillian Anderson (r) (T) (6718099)

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SKY SPORTS 3

BBC2 5.00cm Open University: Patterns in the Dust and Batteries Included (1627070) 6.50 Noise Annoys (9523070) 7.15 World Championship Athletics Cover

age from Athens on day five features Jonathan Edwards in the men's triple

9.40 Smart (r) (1) (6413419) 10.05 Peter Pan and the Picales (r) (7) (7481457) 10.30 Fireman Sam (r) (2479341) 10.40 Bump (r) (7976188) 10.45 Teletubbies (r)

11.15 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T)
(4851544) 11.35 Moon Over Marri (r) (T)
(7485457) 12.20pss it's a Living: I'm Paul and He's Trevor (r) (7527612) 12.45 The World of Wine (r) (427167) 1.15 Glynn Christien Tastes Royal Thailand (10970273) 1.40 Blockbusters (98199902) 2.05 The Natural World Classins (8127544) 3.00 News and

Classics (8127544) 3.00 News and weether (2772525) 3.05 One Lump or Two: Coloniel Tea (r) (4637902) 3.20 Lifetimes in a Day (r) (2776341) 3.30 World Championship Athletics The men's high jump and 110m hurdles semi-finals: The medals ere also decided in the 10,000m while women's team captain Saily Gunnel should be bidding for a place in the 400m hurdles finel at around 5.50pm (1) (1755896)



Patrick Macnee in Bosham (8pm)

One Foot in the Past Petrick Macnee revisits Bosham in West Sussex Plus: Manchester Council's ntains for a Turtor cub and the problems facing the Millennium Dome (T) (9438)

8.30 Wildlife Showcase The life cycle of the kea, New Zealand's alpine parrot, born in mid winter and covered in a thick layer of fat to survive the hersh conditions (r) (T)

9.00 Leaving of Liverpool Wrenched from her Liverpool home for a life of drudgery on an Australian outback station, Lily meets with loneliness and abuse. Drama, starring Christina Tremarco (2/2) (r) (T)

10.30 Newsnight with Gavin Ester (T) (527877) 11.15 Gaytime TV in the lest of the series. the new film about the life of Oscar Wilde, and Stan Phillips sings a number from the West End musical Mariene. Presented by Pinona Cameron and Richard Fairbrass

12.30 Learning Zone: Open University: the Chemistry of Survival (37571) 1.00 The Chemistry of Power (71668) 1.30 The Chemistry of Life and Death (81587) 2.00 Summer Nights (90303) 4.00 Languages

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12-30em Olympic Magazine (30194)

6.00am GMTV (7912099) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (5526693) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3494419) 10.20 News (T) (6289167)

10.29 HTV Crimestoppers (6288438)
10.30 Marder in High Places (1991) with Ted
Levine, Adam Baldwin and Judih Hoag
A newly elected mayor teams up with
tough Chicago cop to investigate his

former wrie's brutal murder. Directed by John Byrum (51248341) 12.20pm Regional News (1) (4892341) 12.30 News (T) and weather (1380728)

12.55 Shortland Street (1385419) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (14396780) 1.50 Side Effects (f) (5358544) 2.40 Murder, She Wrote (r) (5329964) 3.20 News (I) (2789815) 3.25 Regional News (1) (2788186)

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Art Attack (2755148) 4.45 Teenage Witch (r) (T) (4145308) 5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r) (2811612)

5.40 News (T) and weather (448341) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (299438) 6.25 HTV Weather (175419) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (709) 7.00 Emmerdale (1) (3524)



Zuk, Danson and Hobley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Samantha (Tina Hobley) rescues Learne (Jane Danson) from Mickey's (Damian Zuk) unwanted advances (T) (693) 8.00 inspector Morse: The Secret of Bay

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to develop insect characteristics. Directed by Chris Walas (18810438) 12.35am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

1.00 Cactus Flower (1969) with Walter Mattheu, Ingrid Bergman and Goldie Hawn. A bachelor dentist asks his assistant to pose as his wife in order to stop his young mistress making marriage plans. Directed by Gene Saks (89129)

3.00 Jones and Jury (r) (82187026) 3.25 Customs Classified (r) (4239484)

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3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Pot au feu of scaliops; smoked haddock fingers; strawberry and almond tart (T) (815) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (322) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1995885) 4.55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6046148) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (186)

6.00 Snap! Showbiz news (T) (159) 6.30 Roseanne When Dan and Roseanne take a body language test the results are quite starting (r) (T) (821)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (498436) 7.50 Opera Makers Behind the scenes at Gĺvadebourne (955326)



Tense time for the Corkhills (8pm)

8.00 Brookside Jimmy decides on his new career. Will Jacqui's operation restore her sight? (T) (4506)

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5.05 J'Accuse: St Paul's Cathedral (r)

5.35 Film and Video Showcase (6454484)

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comedy, adapted from a story by P.G. Wodehouse, with Norman Wisdom, Millicent Martin and Richard Briers Directed by Henry Kaplan (9356867) 5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (60568235)

5,30 100 Per Cent (5386815) 6.00 Move on Up (5383728) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack's world begins to fall apart. Susie tells Melanie that she is in debt to her brother (T) (5367780)

7.00 Exclusive Julia Bradbury and Imogen Edwards-Jones with more showbiz gossip. Includes a report on what attracts some Hollywood stars to Scientology (8553475)



The evil-smelling shield bug (7.30pm)

7.30 Small Miracles: The Foul Smell of Success The first of an eight-part senes on insects (T) (5363964)

8,00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage transforms a Newcastle concrete jungle into an oriental-style garden (2258083) 8.30 5 News with Kirsly Young (T) (7008380) 9.00 Cody Australian police drama series staming Gary Sweet (19438867)

10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show Music 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2203877) 12.25am Live and Dangerous includes live

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Outsider from South Africa thwarts latest British attempt to end silver streak

Backley fails to convert golden goal

Backley added two metres to

his first-round effort to go

By the end of the round.

however. Kostas Gatsioudis.

Greece's only genuine hope of

a gold medal on home soil,

had added live metres to his first effort with 86.64, which

Zelezny, with his second-

round throw, failed to find the

landing sector and, with only

the top eight athletes after

three rounds progressing for a

further three throws, the

Czech needed to find a good

effort. However, his \$2.04

metres fell 76 centimetres

short of the last qualifier, Aki

The athletes threw in re-

verse order, now that they were whittled down to eight,

but only Backley managed to improve on his distance from the first half of the

Andy Hart's elimination

ened the argument over

whether too many of the Great

Britain squad had arrived ill-

prepared. Injuries, and a fail-

ure to cope with the heat, have

resulted in an unusually high

failure rate in the qualifying

British officials, justifiably,

judge team success at interna-

tional championships not only

in medals but in personal

bests. In other words, if devel-

challenge, and confirm their potential, that is a measurable

reward. There have, however,

been precious few personal

it must, therefore, have

brought welcome relief to the

management when Colin

Jackson, Tony Jarrett, and

Sally Gunnell, Britain's three

outstanding achievers over

hurdles during the first half of

the decade, found their best

form of the season yesterday.

In the first round of the 110

metres hurdles, staged early in the morning. Jackson re-

United States, the world and Olympic champion, is also

among the last 16. Johnson

predicted that the final would

ran a season's best time to

enter the semi-finals of the 400

metres hurdles.

bests here.

ing athletes respond to the

competition.

Parvianen, and he was out.

put him in second place.

third with 84.74.

Backley labelled himself this season, was beaten by the unknown athlete in the javelin at the world championships here yesterday. It is doubtful whether these championships will provide a greater upset than the one manufactured by Marius Corbett, from South Africa, which denied Backley the gold medal.

Backley, who had finished as runner-up at the 1995 world championships and the 1996 Olympic Games, had to settle for second place once again. His consistency is, one imagines, matched only by his

frustration. if there was a consolation, it was that he went into the sixth and final round outside the medals but produced his best effort under pressure. Mick Hill, his fellow Briton, thus had the bronze medal snatched away by his close friend. Hill finished fourth.

The British silver streak was therefore continued. Since Jonathan Edwards won his triple jump gold medal at the 1995 world championships in Gothenburg, British athletes have won 17 silver medals in global championships, without striking gold. They gathered three in Gothenburg, after Edwards had performed. four at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, four at the world junior championships, three at the world indoor championships and one in the world cross-country championships last March, through Paula Radcliffe. Backley's silver, after Denise Lewis's in the heptathion, 24 hours earlier, merely perpetuated the

seauence. Backley's disappointment might have been bearable had his conqueror been Jan Zelezny, the Czech who has daunted, moved up to second swept all before him during

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the past three years, indeed since Backley beat him to the European title in 1994. But to lose to an opponent he knew little about, and who carried no pedigree at the highest will heighten his

Corbett. 21, came into the competition with a personal best of 83.90 metres and his first-round throw suggested that he was not likely to improve it. He managed only

The world junior champion in 1994. Corbett had made no mark at all on the senior international scene but his coach's masterstroke was to instruct him to take part in a competition in Stellenbosch in the early part of the season to

from the 800 metres yesterday, in the second round, strength-

fifth to throw, took an early lead with 84.48 metres but Sergey Makarov, from Russia, and Boris Henry, from Germany, recorded longer distances as they followed him. Backley managed 82.94 metres and Zelezny, the last to throw, was greeted by laughter from the crowd when his first throw fell so short that he stepped out of the arc to register a foul.

The competition came alive in the second round when Corbett threw an African record of 88.40 metres. 4.50 metres farther than his previous lifetime best and ten metres beyond his best coming into the season. It proved to be the winning mark. Next to throw was Hill who, unplace with 86.54 metres and

TWO

Backley puts everything into his effort to grab the gold medal in Athens yesterday, before finally having to settle for the silver once again

British hopes trail in Johnson's wake

STILL we wait for Great Britain's first global men's 400 metres champion since Eric Liddell won the Olympic title in 1924. Michael Johnson, from the United States, came out of the other side of his personal crisis here yesterday when he put a worrying season behind him by winning his third successive gold medal over one lap at the biennial world champion-

corded 13.19 seconds, his fastest of the season, to win the The race was a huge disapsixth heat. Jarrett, too, won his heat, in 13.27sec, to join his pointment for Britain, not so fellow Briton in the semi-finals much because Johnson won. today. Allen Johnson, from the but because, on the first occasion that Britain had seen three men progress into the final, only one managed a personal-best time. The athletes had predicted a British be "a great one". Gunnell also record at least.

In the event however, only Mark Richardson, who

uustacuon. His time, 44.47sec, was a personal best and elevated him from fifth place to joint-third on the national all-time list.

Johnson was a clear-cut winner in, for him, a moderate time of 44.12sec. Davis Kamoga, from Uganda, took the silver medal in 44.37sec and Tyree Washington, from the United States, the bronze in 44.39sec. Iwan Thomas, on whose

shoulders the heaviest British hopes depended, paid a high price for his outrageously fast start. Thomas, who likes to get away briskly, even falsestarted and, when the athletes were clean away second time. it was the British recordholder who made the fast early running. By 200 metres, he was level with Johnson. who was on his outside, and as they ran around the top

MacLaurin in detail 40

"But a system with play-offs is

Matthew Fleming, the PCA

Plans to scrap the second XI

competition were described as

chairman, thought that the

a good alternative," he said.

Records tumble

Into the straight, Thomas led but, suddenly, he seemed to start treading water. Johnson came past 80 metres from home and four others followed as Thomas finished. sixth in 44.52sec. Jamie Baulch was last in 45.22.

Johnson is unbeaten in world championship finals stretching back to 1991. This had been a turbulent ride, beginning in June when, racing Donovan Bailey over 150 metres in a challenge race in Toronto, he pulled up with a

quadriceps injury. When he attempted to make his comeback in Paris later that month, he lost his eightyear unbeaten streak, covering 58 finals, at 400 metres. He missed the United States trials for the world championships and would not have appeared here but for the

"flawed" by Nick Cook, the

Belatedly, they offered him a so-called wild card.

Johnson had to wait 20 minutes after his secondround race before discovering that his time of 45.39sec had earned him one of the four fastest losers' places. He had slowed down short of the line and was beaten to the third and final automatic place. Johnson's wild card had-

provoked controversy.

Meriene Ottey, the sculd stateswoman of sprinting. "I do not like the way it was done." Ottey said. "I believe that, if Michael Johnson had not been injured, there would have been no wild cards."

Washington, his own them colleague did not like it either. "It is completely unfair," Washington said. It is nothing but politics and these are plenty of athletes here just. as unhappy."

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Counties offer cautious welcome Simon Wilde finds a mixed response to

Lord's yesterday, the members of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) were presented with Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth's vision of the future of the game, the result of nine months' intensive research and deliberation. The leaks of the plans had proved largely

The response to the presentation was largely favourable, especially from the richer counties. There was approval for the proposals for one-day cricket, which include replacing the Sunday league and Benson and Hedges Cup in 1999 with a two-division 50overs national league competition with promotion and relegation, and an expanded

NatWest Trophy. The endorsement of the three-conference county championship, with end-of-season play-offs next season, was more guarded and the plans to phase out the second XI competition and raise the profile of club cricket proved

Members have six weeks in which to consider their responses and suggest amendments before voting — for a straight majority — on September 15. Early indications

the formula for a brighter cricketing future from the various levels of the more competitive cricket, bet-

game, however, were mixed. Bob Bennett, the chairman of Lancashire, was delighted. "This is a step forward for the game," he said. "I am looking forward to its implementation." But Peter Anderson, the chief executive of Somerset, said he was "a bit shellshocked".

Anderson continued: "There were some pretty good ideas, there is a reduction in championship cricket, which is a worry: and an increase in one day cricket, which appeals. There may be fewer 'earnings days', but, the way they have arranged things, earningpower may be increased."

Tony Pigor, the chief executive of Sussex, will be showing the report to the members. Outside first-class cricket, the plan is excellent, but the reduction in four-day cricket is definitely a grey area." Pigott said. We want to produce better Test players and cutting down on four-day matches is not the way to educate them."

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majority of players would be pleased. "From what I have seen, it would mean an average of three championship matches a month, giving players a week off, and time for training and to recover from David Lloyd, the England coach, disagreed. I am injuries," Fleming said.

second XI coach of Northamptonshire. "Professional cricketers do not come out of the leagues, even in Lancashire and Yorkshire; they come from the age groups," he said.
"Club pitches are not good ter rest periods and better net periods, which should all enough and, if the surfaces are make for better cricketers." The players will be asked their opinions between now

not right, you are doomed."

Day Whatmore, the Austraand September. David lian-bred coach of Lancashire, Graveney, general secretary of suggested that England was the Professional Cricketers' trying to mirror the Australian Association (PCA) and chairman of the England selectors, system, "Before a cricketer is selected for his state in Austrasaid that his choice for the lia, he has to do well for his county championship would have been two divisions with county staffs might be a good thing, because there are so promotion and relegation. many players it is easy for omeone to get lost."

Micky Stewart, the ECB's director of coaching and excellence, agreed. The best players will want to play for the best club sides in the country. If it comes right, we will see a big acceleration in standards."

he said. Derek Bridge, chairman of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, said: "We may need to modify and co-operate and turn our ways towards the future of English cricket. It is not so disastrous as it looked two or three years ago, when it appeared some people thought we were a waste of time."

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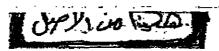
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